

## Fahd sees Arafat ahead of U.S. trip

RIYADH (R) — Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat is in Saudi Arabia to discuss Middle East peace efforts ahead of King Fahd's trip to Washington, Palestinian sources said Monday. Arafat arrived in Jeddah Sunday night. In the past, he was usually met at the airport by Saudi officials but King Fahd and Crown Prince Abdullah welcomed him at the airport Sunday. King Fahd visits Washington next month. Diplomats say he will urge President George Bush to upgrade U.S.-PLO talks which started last December. Saudi Arabia has given the PLO some \$850 million over the past 10 years plus an extra \$6 million a month to aid the Palestinian uprising. Arafat, who flew in from North Yemen, last came to the kingdom in February to attend the funeral of an older brother, Gamal Arafat.

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## King Gustaf, Queen Sylvia to visit Jordan

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AMMAN — The Royal Court announced Monday that King Carl Gustaf and Queen Sylvia of Sweden will pay a state visit to Jordan in the second half of September at the invitation of Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor.

The visit by the Swedish monarch will be the first visit ever to Jordan by a Scandinavian head of state, said Lars Lonnback, Sweden's ambassador to Jordan. "The visit will undoubtedly be an enormous boost to Swedish-Jordanian relations," he told the Jordan Times.

The Swedish royal couple will be accompanied by Swedish Foreign Minister Sten Andersson and a high ranking diplomatic delegation as well as various government officials and a team of Swedish businessmen.

Formal talks during the six-day visit will cover several areas of mutual interest for Jordan and Sweden, the Swedish ambassador said. One of the prime topics, he said, will be health care in Jordan where Sweden could offer its expertise as well as aid to the Kingdom. Sweden has sponsored several healthcare projects in Jordan in the last decade and the visiting delegation hopes to further promote cooperation in this field. World surveys indicate that Sweden has one of the best government-sponsored healthcare programmes in the world.

Subjects such as water preservation, air pollution, preservation of fertile soils and maintenance of Jordan's forests are expected to be on the agenda. King Gustaf is expected to plant a tree inaugurating a "Scandinavian



King Carl Gustaf and Queen Sylvia of Sweden.

forest" located near Baqa, the ambassador said.

The delegation of businessmen expected to accompany the Swedish monarch will represent Swedish technical and commercial know-how, which Lonnback hopes will boost Jordanian-Swedish commercial ties.

"At present, we have about five Swedish companies operating in Jordan as well as about a dozen Jordanian agents for Swedish firms," Lonnback said. "We hope this visit will boost the commercial interaction between our two countries. Despite the low temperature of the Jordanian economy at present I believe it is timely for such contacts. Swedish imports to Jordan are far greater than Jordanian exports to Sweden. We hope that this visit will lay the groundwork to change this imbalance."

At present Jordanian exports to Sweden are minimal mostly leather and textile goods. The internationally reputed Swedish telecommunications firm, Ab Swedtel, has been a major consultant to the Jordanian Telecommunications Corporation (TCC).

In the field of cultural links between Jordan and Sweden, Lonnback hopes that the participation of a Swedish choir group at the 1989 Jerash festival was only the beginning of "a growing interest among Jordanians for Swedish culture and vice versa."

The "excellent personal rapport between His Majesty King Hussein and His Majesty King Carl Gustaf that was developed in

Stockholm in 1984 when the Jordanian King and Queen made an official visit to Sweden will undoubtedly add to a friendly and cordial atmosphere during this state visit to Jordan," said Lonnback.

"The Jordanian protocol officials have arranged an excellent programme for Their Majesties. They will spend three days in Amman and three days in Aqaba," Lonnback said.

The royal couple are also expected to visit some of Jordan's archaeological sites, such as Petra and Jerash.

"The Swedish community in Jordan is extremely excited about this official visit and hopes that it will be fruitful, politically, economically and culturally," Lonnback added.

On the political level, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Marwan Al Qasem and his Swedish counterpart, Andersson, are expected to discuss Jordanian-Swedish relations, the Palestine conflict as well as other regional issues. Andersson is also expected to meet with Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) officials during his visit to Jordan, Lonnback said.

Sweden, which has categorically rejected Israel's occupation of Arab lands and called on the Zionist state to withdraw from the occupied territories, played a major role in behind-the-scenes contacts between the PLO and the U.S. administration prior to the PLO's renunciation of terrorism and recognition of Israel in December 1988.

## France pursues Lebanon plan

DAMASCUS (Agencies) — A French envoy met Syrian President Hafez Al Assad Monday to discuss a French peace plan which envisages the withdrawal of all foreign forces from Lebanon, where Syria has an estimated 33,000 troops.

Diplomats said Francois Scher, director-general of the French Foreign Ministry, was carrying a message to Assad from French President Francois Mitterrand.

But they predicted that the French plan was likely to get cool reception from Syria, which has repeatedly rejected Western intervention in Lebanon's conflict. Scher told reporters before the meeting that no solution to the crisis was possible if it ignored Syria's role.

The French plan announced by Foreign Minister Roland Dumas Sunday called for a ceasefire in Lebanon, where five months of artillery bombardments have devastated Beirut, and the withdrawal of all foreign forces.

Syria was angered by France's decision to send warships to the Eastern Mediterranean. But just before Scher's visit Paris announced that all warships had been pulled back from the Lebanese coast.

Damascus saw the naval initiative as support for Lebanon's army chief Major-General Michel Aoun, whose forces are locked in battles with Syrian troops and their militia allies.

Scher voiced France's support for Arafat peace efforts and hoped that an Arab League committee set up in May would resume its mediation mission.

Syria said a solution to Lebanon's 14 years of civil war must come from Arab countries.

"We in Syria still believe... that the solution to the Lebanese problem cannot be brought about outside the general Arab framework which is totally committed to Lebanon's unity and Arab character," the Syria Times said.

Scher is due to visit Lebanon and the Arab League peace committee countries — Algeria, Morocco and Saudi Arabia. The committee said last month that its efforts had reached a dead end.

Dumas said Sunday all sides in the Beirut fighting, which has killed at least 760 people since mid-March, accepted the need for a ceasefire as the first step to a global settlement.

But no ceasefire would hold unless arms supplies were stopped, he said.

"A balanced arrangement must be found, involving a ban on arms deliveries to all the Lebanese parties or the introduction of extra arms into Lebanon by land, air or sea," Dumas said.

The next stage — political reforms — was for the Lebanese to decide, he said.

Pro-Syrian Lebanese forces warned Pope John Paul Monday against visiting Lebanon now, saying such a trip would be risky and would further widen the country's sectarian divisions.

In Beirut, the troops of Aoun traded mortar fire and rocket-propelled grenades with Syrian forces and their allies across the green line splitting the capital, security sources said.

They also reported clashes between Aoun's army and fighters across the mountain ridge of Souk Al Gharb which separates the Christian enclave from Syrian-held territory. There were no reports of casualties, the sources said.

The National Front, a coalition of 18 Syrian-backed leftist and Muslim militias, called on the Pope not to "involve himself in Lebanon's internal political struggle."

The Vatican said Friday it was trying to arrange a humanitarian

visit to Lebanon during which the Pope would meet representatives of both Christian and Muslim communities.

"We draw His Holiness' attention to the risks of his planned visit to Lebanon. We fear that the Pope's visit will fuel the political and military conflict, further divide the country and rule out any chances of a democratic solution," the front said.

Its statement said a Papal visit would be exploited by Aoun.

On Aug. 15, Pope John Paul directly accused Syria of seeking to destroy the country.

The National Front statement said it hoped the Pope would visit Lebanon "in the future, in a situation different than the one we're living now... then we will welcome His Holiness in a United Arab Democratic Lebanon, but not before then."

### Pope threatened

An underground faction threatened Monday to kill the Pope.

It was the second time in four days that the previously unknown Organisation for the Defence of the Oppressed has made a statement.

In its first communiqué, handwritten in Arabic, the group threatened to attack any French vessel that approaches the Lebanese coast after a six-day flotilla that has assembled in the Eastern Mediterranean.

The name of the group and wording of its communiqué suggested it is made up of Shiite zealots, possibly pro-iranian.

"To His Holiness Pope John Paul II. We address our words to him, wishing that he writes his will before he comes to Beirut," the latest statement, also handwritten in Arabic, said.

### Soviet mission

In Baghdad, Soviet envoy Genadi Tarasov discussed Lebanon's plight with Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz and handed him a message from Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev.

Soviet embassy sources said the message outlined Moscow's views on ending the fighting in Lebanon.

Tarasov, representative of Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, is touring the Middle East as part of a Soviet diplomatic drive to boost Arab peace efforts.

## Cambodia conference opens in Paris

PARIS (R) — French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas, opening the final session of an international conference on Cambodia, said Monday the month-long talks had so far failed and appealed for last-minute compromise to salvage an accord.

Dumas, co-president of the conference, said four commissions set up a month ago had failed to put together a draft treaty to end 20 years of conflict in Cambodia.

Only a "political effort of will," could rescue the conference, he said. "I appeal to each of you to make this possible."

Before the final round began diplomats from the 19 participating nations said the demands of the main protagonists — the pro-Vietnamese government and the Chinese-backed Khmer Rouge — appeared intractable.

The Khmer Rouge's non-communist allies also showed signs of disarray after the coalition head, Prince Norodom Sihanouk, resigned Sunday without explanation as chief of his own faction.

Diplomats said the failure of the conference could start a fresh wave of fighting.

"It will probably take another dry season (October-May) of fighting to restore some reality to the Cambodians and get them back to negotiating," one Western diplomat said.

Dumas' words contrasted with his opening speech when he said the conference was a major step on the road to peace.

He said it stalled over five points:

— The role of the United Nations in an international force to monitor next month's withdrawal of the Vietnamese troops supporting the Phnom Penh government.

— How to organise a ceasefire.

— Whether a treaty could use the word genocide in reference to the one million deaths during the 1975-79 rule of the Khmer Rouge.

— The problem of alleged Vietnamese colonisation of Cambodia.

The reconciliation of the four Cambodian factions.

Dumas said agreement on the last point, the formation of an interim government of national unity, was crucial to a settlement.

The Khmer Rouge and its allies want to share power with Prime Minister Hun Sen, but the Phnom Penh premier has hardened his 10-year-old government's stand by calling for the Khmer Rouge's abolition as a military and political force.

Singapore, a hardline supporter of the guerrilla coalition, echoed Dumas' statement.

Delegates said the ministers would try to draw up a compromise agreement.

## Israelis claim 2 more Palestinians

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) — Two Palestinians died Monday of gunshot wounds suffered in clashes with Israeli forces, and Palestinians launched a general strike in three West Bank cities to protest Sunday's expulsions of five Palestinians accused of being ringleaders of the uprising (See page 2).

Since the rebellion began on Dec. 8, 1987, a total of 60 Palestinians have been expelled, most of them to Lebanon.

The Israeli Information Centre for Human Rights, a private research group, says 23 Palestinians have been killed by Israeli civilians in the 20-month uprising. "One Israeli has been convicted in the cases."

Before the 30-minute proceedings, Levinger and a group of supporters demonstrated at the home of Palestinian activist Faisal Al Hussein, screaming that Hussein should be detained as "the biggest terrorist" in the West Bank.

During the protest, Levinger handed Hussein a copy of a fake identity card drawn up by the

settlers that gave his occupation as "terrorist."

Hussein was freed by the government last January after spending most of the preceding 20 months in jail. He was held without charge or trial under Israel's "administrative detention" regulations.

The Palestinian deaths reported Monday included 21-year-old Bassel Khaled Suleiman of the village of Beit Safa in Jerusalem and 20-year-old Ali Mahmoud Shahan from the Jabalya refugee camp in the occupied Gaza Strip.

A stone-throwing melee broke out Monday during a memorial march for Suleiman in Beit Safa, Israel radio reported. Police dispersed the crowd with tear-gas and arrested five protesters, it said.

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) protested to Israel Monday over the expulsion of the five Palestinians.

"We have intervened directly with the Israeli authorities," spokesman Jurg Bischoff told Reuters in Geneva.

## Cautious optimism seen after de Klerk-Kaunda talks

LIVINGSTONE, Zambia (R) — South African leader F.W. de Klerk and Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda met Monday for the first time and discussed peaceful solutions to Pretoria's apartheid race segregation system.

De Klerk said he left Kaunda, one of apartheid's fiercest critics, with mixed feelings after their 2½-hour talks at a luxury hotel by Zambia's Victoria Falls.

Kaunda's "basic reaction was a positive one but also a wait and see one," de Klerk told reporters on the plane back to South Africa.

De Klerk, who took office this month after ousting P.W. Botha in a row over the visit to Zambia, is almost certain to be confirmed as head of state after Sept. 6

elections.

There are high hopes overseas that he will use his authority to quicken the pace of reform and create a climate for talks with the banned African National Congress (ANC), the main organisation fighting white rule in South Africa.

But de Klerk said he and Kaunda avoided the sensitive issue of negotiating terms laid down by the ANC.

The main topics were the deadlocked peace process to end Angola's civil war and de Klerk's five-year reform plan to give blacks a role in government while maintaining racial segregation in many areas of life.

Kaunda said he would brief leaders of other frontline states bordering South Africa on the

talks.

They said they had also tried to get to know one another.

"I found him a pleasant man. I think he is an earnest Christian who has thought a lot about the position in South Africa," de Klerk said.

A senior South African government official who was present at the meeting was more enthusiastic. "There was complete rapport... there was a feeling of friendship."

Asked whether he and de Klerk agreed that negotiations, not conflict, were the best way to solve the problems of South Africa and the region, Kaunda replied cryptically: "Well said."

The two leaders were visibly subdued, in contrast to their re-

laxed mood at the start of the talks when they visited the Victoria Falls and swapped golfing anecdotes.

The meeting came at a critical time for de Klerk, whose ruling National Party faces the Sept. 6 elections.

Kaunda said earlier he saw the meeting as crucial to head off an explosion of racial violence which he says is inevitable in South Africa unless apartheid is dismantled, preferably through negotiations, in the next two years.

But ANC officials, who had not expected a breakthrough at the meeting, said the current crackdown by Pretoria against a campaign of anti-apartheid defiance showed the government was not ready to negotiate.

## Abu Ghazalah confirmed as Royal Jordanian head

AMMAN (J.T.) — A Royal Decree has been issued appointing Husam Abu Ghazalah to the post of Royal Jordanian (RJ) director-general and chief executive officer. The Cabinet last week approved the appointment of Abu Ghazalah to this post to succeed Ali Ghandour who resigned earlier this month.

Abu Ghazalah joined the Royal Jordanian Air Force in 1957 and continued higher education at British and American universities where he obtained a masters degree in logistics in 1981. He attended several training courses in engineering, computer, international defence management and fleet planning. He held a number of key posts

among which are deputy commander of logistics as well as RJ vice president engineering and maintenance in 1987. He was also appointed RJ deputy president in 1989.

His Majesty King Hussein last Saturday chaired a meeting of the RJ board of directors in the presence of Prime Minister Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker. During the meeting, the King expressed confidence in the RJ officials and employees, and hoped that RJ would attain further progress in performance and in drawing up policies which ensure further successes. The King voiced support for the new RJ administration and wished the employees continued success and progress.



Husam Abu Ghazalah

## Hizbollah buries 9 victims of Israeli raid, vows revenge

SIDON (Agencies) — The Pro-Iranian Hizbollah Monday buried the victims of Israel's deadliest air raid this year in funeral ceremonies staged around South Lebanon.

Hizbollah, Party of God, Iran's main ally in Lebanon, said nine people were killed and 27 wounded in the six-minute air strike Sunday on a party base in the southern village of 'Ain Abu-Suar.

The statement said the dead included three Hizbollah guerrillas and six civilians. Among the wounded, it said, were 15 pupils whose school took a direct rocket hit.

Police, who earlier put the casualties at three killed and nine wounded, confirmed Hizbollah's figures, but said all nine killed were Hizbollah guerrillas.

The Foreign Ministry said in Beirut it has instructed Lebanon's acting delegate to the United Nations, Shawki Shweiri, to

lodge a strongly-worded complaint with the Security Council over the raid.

The death toll in 'Ain Abu Suar was the highest in Israel's nine air raids in Lebanon this year. By police count, eight were killed and 67 wounded in the eight previous strikes since Jan. 11.

Israeli jets crashed the sound barrier over east Lebanon's Bekaa Valley on reconnaissance flights Monday, drawing anti-aircraft fire from Hizbollah positions in the ancient city of Balbek and the village of Janta.

Beirut radio stations mistook the sonic booms for bombing runs. But police, Hizbollah and the Israeli army denied that a new air raid was staged.

Five of Sunday's victims were taken from hospital morgues in Beirut and sent to South Lebanon in a convoy of seven buses, 20 cars and two ambulances for burial in their native towns.

Gunmen escorting the flag-decked motorcade fired in the air in the traditional Lebanese expression of mourning. In Sidon, the convoy split to take two victims to the southern port of Tyre and three to the inland market town of Nabatiyeh.

About a hundred mourners, clenching their fists and chanting "Death to Israel" and "Death to America," buried the four other victims in the cemetery of 'Ain Abu Suar. Gunmen prevented photographers from taking pictures and reporters were kept at a 200-metre distance.

"It's a security precaution for your own safety," a Hizbollah guerrilla told reporters. "The Israelis might be tempted to strike again if there is a big gathering."

The village lies on the northern edge of Israel's self-designated "security zone" in South Lebanon.

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## GCC hopes for better Iran ties

NICOSIA (R) — Six Gulf Arab foreign ministers met in Saudi Arabia Monday to discuss their often stormy ties with Iran and a senior official said leadership changes in Tehran could eventually lower tensions.

The meeting of Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) ministers in Jeddah will also discuss how to end Lebanon's 14-year-old war and back the 20-month-old Palestinian uprising in the Israeli-occupied territories, officials said.

A GCC official said the group wanted good ties with its neighbors but "Iran's campaign against one of the (GCC) members is not acceptable and has to stop" — a reference to Saudi Arabia.

Iran, angered by Riyadh's backing for Iraq in the Gulf war, regards Saudi Arabia as a U.S. stooge. Saudi Arabia has accused Tehran of trying to export its 10-year-old Islamic revolution.

But the official said changes in Iran's leadership, where pragmatist Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani has just taken over as president, could lead to closer ties with the GCC in the long term.

The GCC military and economic alliance groups Bahrain, the

current chairman, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

All members are oil producers and some have among the world's highest per capita incomes.

Diplomats said Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal was likely to brief the two-day meeting on investigations into three bomb explosions which killed one person and wounded 16 during the annual Muslim pilgrimage in Mecca last month.

The diplomats said scores of people, including Gulf Arab Shi'ite Muslims, had been arrested.

Saudi Arabia, which is mainly Sunni Muslim, has not blamed anyone for the blasts but diplomats said it suspected supporters of Shi'ite Iran.

Diplomats also said the Jeddah talks would discuss ways of breathing life into peace talks between Iran and Iraq, which have made scant headway since a ceasefire a year ago.

## Afghan rebels seize rival over massacre charges

ISLAMABAD (R) — Rebels in northern Afghanistan have seized a rival commander blamed for a guerrilla massacre last month, a rebel government minister said Monday.

Information Minister Najibullah Lafraie told reporters members of his Jamiat-i-Islami Party captured the Hezb-i-Islami Party Commander of Takhar province Saeed Jamal and his brother on Aug. 20.

He denied reports from the Kabul government that hundreds of rebels were killed in clashes between Hezb and Jamiat, both members of the seven-party Pakistan-based rebel interim government.

Lafraie said Jamal was captured without bloodshed after hundreds of Hezb rebels surrendered to Jamiat men who had surrounded them in a village.

This was in retaliation for a July 9 incident in which Jamiat says 30 of its rebels were ambushed and killed by Hezb men when returning from a strategy meeting with well-known Jamiat Commander Ahmad Shah Masood.

Hezb leader Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, the rebel foreign minister, acknowledged the incident but said only 11 people were killed and 30 made prisoner as a result of a local feud.

Lafraie said the Jamiat rebels were ready to turn Jamal over to an Islamic tribunal investigating the earlier incident, which has threatened to split the rebel government fighting the Kabul government of President Najibullah.

No comment was immediately available from Hezb, which has recently accused Masood of making secret deals with Kabul.

## 'Israelis may have trained rival Colombia drug gangs'

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israeli army radio reported Monday that Israeli military trainers may have been working for rival drug cartels in a battle for control of the Colombian cocaine trade.

Ron Ben-Yishai, military commentator for Yediot Ahronoth news-paper, told the radio two Israelis were arrested last June by officers of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) and were found to be carrying weapons, explosives and two pilotless aircraft.

Ben-Yishai said the two Israelis reported they had a partner who was a senior officer in the Israeli reserves and that the aircraft were intended for an attack on the head of the Medellín drug cartel, Pablo Escobar Gaviria.

Ben-Yishai said the Israeli officer had a security office in Miami and worked for the Medellín cartel's rivals in the Colombian city of Cali.

Israel, stung by allegations for drug training, opened an investigation Sunday into separate allegations that reserve Colonel Yair Klein gave unlicensed weapons training in Colombia. Klein says he trained cattle guards and knew nothing about drug gang links.

"If it is true Yair Klein worked for Medellín, it would seem the

other Israeli officer whose name has not been revealed worked for the other drug cartel," Ben-Yishai said.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir played down the controversy on Israel Television Sunday night.

"It's unpleasant to hear about Israelis involved in such ugly business but there are Israelis all over the world doing things the state cannot be held responsible for," Shamir said.

He added nevertheless that the government should try to limit such activities by Israeli citizens.

The head of the Israeli police Criminal Investigations Division, Yehoshua Caspi, said Sunday police would probe whether Klein and his security firm Hod Hahanit (spearhead) disclosed military know-how without authorization.

The Yediot Ahronoth daily said Klein may have \$800,000 to train elite hit squad forces for the Medellín drug cartel.

The newspaper said Klein was recruited last year by cartel leaders who needed a mercenary to train ranchers and paramilitary troops.

Yediot said Klein was introduced to the drug barons by an Israeli businessman, identified only as "Shoshani."



A crying Palestinian girl and other girls leave an area in the occupied West Bank where Israeli troops detained many Palestinian men.

## Expelled Palestinian in Paris

PARIS (AP) — A Palestinian physicist, embraced by human rights activists in his quest for freedom, arrived in Paris late Sunday after having been expelled by Israel.

Taysir Aruri, 43, arrived at Charles de Gaulle airport terminal D, where about a dozen reporters were waiting for the Air France flight from Tel Aviv which set down about 10 p.m. (2000 GMT).

He was whisked out a side door of the terminal to a waiting car and left the airport without speaking to reporters.

There has been speculation that he was headed for Tunis, headquarters of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO). But late Sunday, PLO sources in the Tunisian capital, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that Aruri could be planning to go to the United States.

A physics professor at the West Bank's Bir Zeit University, Aruri was accused by Israel of being a member of the outlawed Palestinian Communist Party and of having been "involved in the planning of the intifada and a member of the unified command of the intifada."

In his fight to remain in the

Israeli-occupied West Bank, Aruri won the support of hundreds of physicists and other scientists in Israel and abroad who signed petitions urging his release.

Amnesty International named Aruri a "prisoner of conscience." His appeal against an army expulsion order was rejected last Thursday by the Israeli supreme court, and Sunday he bid farewell to his wife and their three young children at Ben Gurion airport.

Aruri's wife was detained by police for questioning after she became the centre of a scuffle involving pro-Palestinian demonstrators and Israelis.

Mrs. Aruri, 28, has no passport or other travel papers and has said she fears she will not be able to join her husband.

Early Sunday, the French government announced that Aruri, whose plans were not known, would be welcome to stay in France indefinitely.

"The French government has decided to give an order favouring a request for welcome on French territory made by the International Committee of the Red Cross in behalf of the Palestinian Taysir Aruri," a Foreign Ministry statement read.

The French government also condemned the Israeli expulsion of Aruri and four other Palestinians who were sent to Lebanon, saying that the expulsions were "contrary to the Geneva convention protecting civilians in time of war."

Israel expelled Aruri to France after he appealed to the supreme court saying he could face death in Lebanon.

The four others expelled arrived in the southeast Lebanon Sunday, police reported.

They said the four were flown in an Israeli army helicopter to Israel's self-designated "security zone" in South Lebanon and ordered into the Bekaa Valley.

They were driven in a taxi to a Lebanese army checkpoint in Rashaya in the eastern Bekaa, three kilometres north of the buffer zone, on the slopes of Mount Hermon.

They demanded to be handed over to the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine in the western Bekaa Valley.

They were identified as school administrator Bilal Izzeddine Shakhshir, 36, of Nablus; labour organiser Majed Labadi, 28, of Jerusalem; labour organiser Odeh Yousef Maali, 30; and

nursing school lecturer Abdul Jalil Matur, 40, of Al Kalil.

Shakhshir, Labadi and Maali were accused of being DFLP members.

The Israelis said Shakhshir organised DFLP activities even while imprisoned three times without charge. He is married and has one child.

Labadi was sentenced in 1981 to 15 months imprisonment for "subversive" activities. He was married in June 1988 and was jailed without charge the following month. He had been in prison jail since then.

Maali was jailed for alleged subversive activities in 1984 and accused of resuming them when he was freed. He has five children.

Israeli reports said Matur was the head of Fateh in Jerusalem and Ramallah and helped transfer money to young Palestinians involved in the uprising. He is the father of six.

The four Palestinians said the Israeli army warned them they would be shot if they returned to the "security zone."

The five expulsions raised to 60 the number of Palestinians expelled from the West Bank and Gaza since the uprising began 21 months ago.

## Kurds say Tehran agents killed Iranian

LARNACA (AP) — Unknown assailants have shot dead an Iranian and seriously wounded another in an attack that the Kurdish Communist Party of Iran blamed on Iranian government agents.

A police statement said Bahman Javadi, 33, an Iranian with a Swedish passport, died in hospital a few hours after he was shot in the head in south coast resort city of Larnaca Saturday night.

The statement said Javadi was shot as he walked back to his hotel with his mother and sister and four other Iranians.

One of them, Yussef Rashidzadeh, 40, was shot in the chest and was reported in critical condition in hospital.

Stelios Nariyas, head of the criminal investigation department, told reporters he did not know the motive for the attack, but did not rule out a political factor.

He said police launched a dragnet for the two gunmen who attacked the Iranians and were identified only as "two slim-built foreign men, aged 20-25."

All police leave was cancelled and surveillance intensified at the East Mediterranean island's air and sea ports, Karayias said.

Javadi arrived in Cyprus from Sweden Monday. Rashidzadeh arrived from Iran the following day, accompanied by Javadi's mother and sister.

Javadi had been trying to obtain Swedish visas for them, Karayias said.

The Kurdish Communist Party of Iran, known as Komala, charged in a telex sent to the Associated Press in Cyprus from Nicosia, Sweden, that Javadi was a Komala activist.

The statement said that Javadi, "known as Gholam Keshavarz, who went to Larnaca to meet his mother, has been shot dead there by the agents of the Islamic Republic of Iran."

The statement did not clarify whether Javadi was himself a Kurd. It added that "further information on this crime will be provided later."

The Larnaca attack followed the assassination of Abdul Rahman Qassemilou, the leader of the rebel Kurdish Democratic Party of Iran and two other Kurds in a hotel room in Vienna on July 14.

Qassemilou and the other two Kurds had been meeting there with Iranian officials to negotiate a settlement of a Kurdish separatist campaign and arrange an amnesty for Kurdish rebels fighting Tehran for an autonomous homeland in northwest Iran.

The KDP blamed the Iranian government for the triple murder. But Iran countercharged that the assassinations were carried out by Iraq-based Mujahedeen Khalq, or people's holy warriors,

the main Iranian opposition movement, to prevent a reconciliation between Tehran and the Kurds.

Earlier Sunday, the Mujahedeen denied in a statement telecast to the Associated Press from their headquarters in Baghdad that Javadi was one of its members.

The message said that "while condemning this crime, we deny any link between the two victims and the Mujahedeen organisation or the Muslim Iranian Students Society, supporters of the Mujahedeen."

In Larnaca, Karayias said the two gunmen approached Javadi and his group as they walked down a narrow street about 100 metres from the Eleonora Hotel, where they were all staying.

Javadi was shot once between the eyes and later died in hospital. Rashidzadeh was shot once. He tried to run away, and was shot again, Karayias added.

Police said Saturday night that they found five 7.65mm cartridges and a 7.65mm pistol fitted with a silencer at the scene of the shooting.

Hundreds of Iranians travel to Cyprus on direct flight from Tehran by Iran's National Carrier, Iran Air. Some fly to Cyprus on holiday, but most arrive seeking visas for the United States and Western European countries.

An estimated 2,000-3,000 Iranians live in Cyprus, most of them around Larnaca.

The slayings in Larnaca, crowded with tourists at this time of year, was the first incident involving Iranians in Cyprus, which has repeatedly been caught in the crossfire of Middle East feuds and disputes.

Earlier this year, police arrested six Lebanese Muslims armed with shoulder-fired anti-aircraft missile launchers who confessed they planned to shoot down a helicopter carrying Falangist Lebanese leader Gen. Michel Aoun.

Aoun had been expected to transit through the island en route to an Arab summit in Morocco, but cancelled the trip.

Last year two Greek Cypriots were killed when an explosive-packed automobile driven by an Arab exploded near the Israeli embassy. The driver was also killed.

In February last year, three senior Palestine Liberation Organisation officers were killed in a car-bomb explosion, blamed on Israeli agents, in the southern port city of Limassol.

At the same time, a ferry boat chartered to carry hundreds of Palestinians on a protest voyage to Israel was holed by a mine believed planted by Israeli frogmen in Limassol Harbour.

## MIDDLE EAST NEWS BRIEFS

### Sudan's military ruler extends ceasefire

KHARTOUM (R) — Sudan extended by one month a unilateral ceasefire in the six-year-old civil war with rebels in the south, state radio Omdurman said. It said military ruler Omar Hassan Al Bashir announced the decision, which takes effect on Sept. 4, at a rally in the central region. It was the third unilateral ceasefire announced by Gen. Bashir since June 30 when he seized power in a coup from Prime Minister Sadeq Al Mahdi's civilian government. The radio quoted him as saying the move would create a suitable atmosphere for the next round of peace talks with rebels of the Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA). No date has been set for negotiations. Talks between the SPLA and Sudan in Addis Ababa broke up earlier this month over the issue of Islamic Sharia Laws, a central dispute in the conflict. The SPLA wants Sharia, introduced in 1983 but largely dormant since 1985, repealed and the country governed by secular laws.

### Briton carrying solid gold belt stopped

CAIRO (AP) — Customs officials stopped a travelling British man and his wife Sunday after finding a solid gold belt worth around \$46,000 with them, a police source said. The source said that Bahgat Saeedeen Al Murabet, a naturalised Briton of Libyan origin, and his Brazilian wife Oia, were going through a security check at Cairo International Airport before flying to London when the belt was found in a handbag they were carrying. The source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said that the gold belt weighed three kilograms (6.6 pounds) and estimated its cost at 120,000 Egyptian pounds (\$46,000). The couple missed their flight and were to be questioned by prosecution officials Monday to decide whether or not they were trying to smuggle the gold belt out of the country. The source was unable to give the couple's hometowns and British and Brazilian embassy officials were not immediately available for comment.

### Israel says anti-Jewish attacks on the rise

TEL AVIV (R) — Israel's government has reported a rise in attacks on Jews abroad and called for a worldwide campaign against anti-Semitism. A special government report commissioned to mark 50 years since the outbreak of World War II reported 35 attacks against Jews or Jewish institutions in Europe during 1988 and 82 against privately-owned Jewish property. In the United States there were 28 attacks on Jews or Jewish institutions and 823 against privately-owned Jewish property, the report said. The report said that in 1987 there were 12 attacks on Jewish institutions or individuals in the United States and 697 on private property. No 1987 breakdown for Europe was immediately available.

### Somali president denies executions

MOGADISHU (R) — Somali President Mohammad Siad Barre has denied reports that security forces summarily executed large numbers of people on Gezira Beach near Mogadishu after riots in the capital in July. Speaking at a sports stadium in Mogadishu Sunday, Siad Barre said reports of such executions in the foreign media were "baseless." The president said a special commission headed by Colonel Abukar Hassan Wehlie, the chairman of the Defence and Security Committee of Somalia's one-party parliament, had been set up to investigate the alleged massacre. The government has said that 23 people died in three days of anti-government demonstrations which erupted in Mogadishu on July 14. But international human rights groups and journalists who visited Somalia shortly after the riots say at least 400 were killed by the security forces and more than 1,000 arrested. Two reporters for the French media who visited Mogadishu as tourists said 46 of those detained were shot on a beach near Mogadishu on the night of July 17-18. Siad Barre said on Sunday that although a midnight to 5 a.m. curfew was still in force in Mogadishu, the situation in the country was back to normal.

## 2 Saudis join scientific expedition to South Pole

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia (AP) — King Fahd has given his blessing to two Saudi scientists joining an international expedition to the South Pole.

The Saudis, who will team up with scientists from the United States, Soviet Union, France, Britain, Japan and China, have already left for the 8-month expedition sponsored by French President Francois Mitterrand.

The expedition will start from Punta Arenas in Chile and end in Australia after crossing the South Pole from west to east.

The Saudis are Prof. Ibrahim Ibn Abdullah Hameed Alom of King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals in Dhahran, and Prof. Mustafa Ibn Omar Hadi Muammer of King Abdul-Aziz University of Jeddah.

Saudi Arabia will be the first Arab and Muslim country represented on such an expedition.

Muammer said in an interview with the Arabic-language Okaz newspaper that "after he and Alom hoist the Saudi flag at the South Pole they will offer thanksgiving prayers for the distinguished achievement."

The expedition will coincide with a visit by Fahd to Washington in mid-September.

The Saudis and their fellow adventurers will trek 4,000 miles (6,000 kilometres) across Antarctica from west to east without the aid of machines.

Muammer told Okaz that the expedition will use three sledges each pulled by 12 huskies.

One of the objectives was to "highlight international cooperation in the field of exploration and scientific mission," he said.

The Saudis will conduct marine and environmental experiments.

They will be flown from Punta Arenas to a scientific research station in Antarctica to join the other members of the team who have left for the eastward leg, the official Saudi Press Agency said.

It said the Saudis will take part in the westward trek from the rendezvous point at Elise Warth to the pole.

The pair's participation in the expedition is the first significant Saudi involvement in a scientific mission since June 1985, when Prince Sultan Ibn Salman flew into space aboard the U.S. shuttle Discovery.

During the flight, Prince Sultan launched the Arab satellite ArabSat-II and earned the distinction of being the first Muslim and Arab to travel in space.

## JORDAN TELEVISION

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### PROGRAMME ONE

15:30 ... Koran  
15:40 ... Programme review  
15:45 ... Children programmes  
17:05 ... Sea Hunt  
18:00 ... News summary in Arabic  
18:05 ... Local programme  
19:10 ... Agricultural programme  
19:45 ... Programme review  
20:00 ... News in Arabic  
20:30 ... Arabic series  
21:30 ... Programme review  
21:50 ... Local programme  
22:00 ... News summary in Arabic

### PROGRAMME TWO

17:30 ... A variety programme  
18:00 ... News in French  
19:00 ... Dances France  
19:15 ... News in Hebrew  
20:00 ... News in Arabic  
20:30 ... Paul Daner's Magic Show  
21:00 ... Winners & Losers  
22:00 ... News in English  
22:30 ... Act of Betrayal

### PRAYER TIMES

04:42 ... Fajr  
06:01 ... (Sunrise) Dhuhr  
12:57 ... Asr  
16:13 ... Maghreb  
19:10 ... Isha

## CHURCHES

St. Mary of Nazareth Church, Sweithel Tel. 810740.  
Assembly of God Church, Tel. 623785, 683326.  
St. Joseph Church Tel. 624590.  
Church of the Annunciation Tel. 637440.  
De la Salle Church Tel. 661757.  
Terra Sancta Church Tel. 622066.  
Church of the Annunciation Tel. 623541.  
Anglican Church Tel. 623383, Tel. 628543.  
Armenian Catholic Church Tel. 771331.  
Armenian Orthodox Church Tel. 775261.  
St. Ephraim Church Tel. 771751.  
Armenian International Church Tel. 685325.  
Evangelical Lutheran Church Tel. 811395.  
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints Tel. 815817, 821254.

## WEATHER

Bulletin supplied by the Department of Meteorology.

Normal summer conditions will prevail and winds will be northeasterly moderate. In Aquila, winds will be northerly moderate and seas calm.

Min./max. temp. Amman 18 / 33

## JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE AND CALENDAR

Aqaba 25 / 38  
Deserts 19 / 38  
Jordan Valley 27 / 37

Yesterday's high temperatures: Amman 33.5, Aqaba 37. Humidity readings: Amman 30 per cent, Aqaba 41 per cent.

### USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

NIGHT DUTY

AMMAN:  
Dr. Akram Samhan 394611  
Dr. Tawiq Qubari 620209  
Dr. Zein Zaidoun 638591  
Dr. Mufied Tanous 884580  
Firas pharmacy 661912  
Ferdows pharmacy 778336  
Al Asena pharmacy 637053  
Nabrouk pharmacy 626762  
Al Salam pharmacy 636730  
Yasoub pharmacy 645445  
Shmezzani pharmacy 637699

IRSID:  
Dr. Meana Bangew 1-1  
Al Shara pharmacy (985238)

ZARQA:  
Dr. Yousef Abu Saad 1-1  
Khalifeh pharmacy 985411

### EMERGENCIES

Civil Defence Department 661111  
Civil Defence (immediate) 630341  
Rescue 199  
Civil Defence Emergency 199  
Fire Brigade 811228  
Blood Bank 775121  
Highway Police 843402  
Traffic Police 894390  
Public Security Department 630321  
Price Complaints 608800  
Price Complaints 661176  
Water and Sewerage 897467  
Complaints 787113  
Telephone Information (directory assistance) 121  
Overseas Calls 010230  
Central Amman Telephone 661912  
Repairs 623101  
Abdali Telephone Repairs 661101  
Jordan Television 771111  
Radio Jordan 774111  
Water Authority 680100  
Jordan Electricity Authority 813613  
Electric Power 636381  
Company 08-53300  
RJ Flight Information 08-53300  
Queen Alia Intl. Airport 08-53300

### HOSPITALS

AMMAN:

Husseini Medical Centre 813813/32  
Khalidi Maternity, J. Amn. 644281/6  
Khalidi Maternity, J. Amn. 644211/2  
Jabal Amman Maternity 642362  
Palestine Shamouni 664171/4  
Shmezzani Hospital 669131  
University Hospital 848485  
Al-Musharraf Hospital 667277/9  
The Islamic, Abdali 666127/31  
Al-Jalil, Abdali 664164/6  
Italian, Al-Muhajireen 777101/3  
Al-Bashir, J. Ashrafieh 775111/26  
Army, Marka 891611/15  
Queen Alia Hospital 602240/50  
Ansal Hospital 674155  
ZARQA:  
Zarqa Govt. Hospital (01)983323  
Zarqa National Hospital (01)981071  
Ibn Sina Hospital (01)98732  
IRBID:  
Princess Basma Hospital (02)275555  
Greek Catholic Hospital (02)272775  
Ibn Al Nafes Hospital (02)247100  
AQABA:  
Princess Haya Hospital (03)314111

### FOR THE TRAVELLER

QUEEN ALIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT  
This information is supplied by Royal Jordanian (RJ) information depart-

ment at the Queen Alia International Airport Tel. (08)53200-5, where it should always be verified.

### ROYAL JORDANIAN (RJ) Flights (Terminal 1)

09:45 ... Abu Dhabi (RJ)  
11:20 ... Athens (RJ)  
11:45 ... Beirut (RJ)  
12:15 ... Vienna, New York (RJ)  
12:45 ... Rome, Madrid (RJ)  
13:00 ... Istanbul, Ankara (RJ)  
13:30 ... Geneva, London (RJ)  
13:45 ... Paris (RJ)  
13:50 ... Frankfurt, Brussels (RJ)  
14:00 ... Dubai, Bahrain (RJ)  
14:00 ... Singapore, Kuala Lumpur (RJ)  
16:20 ... Miami, Vienna (RJ)  
16:45 ... Montreal, New York (RJ)  
18:15 ... Athens (RJ)  
19:00 ... Kuwait (RJ)  
19:15 ... Beirut (RJ)  
19:40 ... Istanbul, Ankara (RJ)  
19:55 ... Copenhagen, Frankfurt (RJ)  
20:40 ... Tripoli (RJ)

### Other Flights (Terminal 2)

11:20 ... Kuwait (RJ)  
13:20 ... Cairo (MS)  
13:30 ... Moscow (SU)  
14:20 ... Cairo (6S)  
17:25 ... Riyadh (SV)  
19:15 ... Rome (AZ)  
19:40 ... Dubai (EK)

### MARKET PRICES

22:15 ... Zurich, Larnaca (SR)  
22:15 ...



## Deadline for scrutiny of voter lists ends Tuesday

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — A deadline fixed for a period of time during which lists of voters in the coming parliamentary elections had been offered for public scrutiny ends Tuesday, according to the Ministry of Interior which is entrusted with arrangements for the election process.

The ministry said in a statement Monday that Wednesday will be the start of a week-long period for receiving complaints

and objections by members of the public about the lists and the names of voters in each constituency due to mistakes in registration or other reasons.

Earlier reports said that the Ministry of Interior was involved in printing 1.2 million voter cards to be issued to the registered voters soon, enabling them to participate in the coming elections which will take place on Nov. 8.

## Jordan to attend Khartoum meeting on pricing policies

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordan will take part in a symposium on pricing policies due to open in Khartoum Wednesday and will submit a working paper on the national experiment in this field.

A statement by the Ministry of Agriculture said that the symposium, which was organised by the World Bank's Economic Development Institute and the Arab

Organisation for Agricultural Development, will review agricultural pricing systems, their objectives and their effects on production and consumption.

Relationship between pricing systems, national and regional economic policies and the world economic situation will be discussed at the meeting which is expected to last for two weeks.

## NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

**IZZEDDIN RECEIVES IRAQI ENVOY:** Minister of State for Cabinet Affairs Ibrahim Izzeddin had a meeting in his office Monday with Iraqi Ambassador to Jordan Nouri Ismail. They reviewed relations between Iraq and Jordan and areas of bilateral cooperation. (Petra)

**SOCCER TEAM LEAVES FOR BAGHDAD:** A national team of young soccer players left Amman for Baghdad Monday to take part in an Arab youth soccer championship due to start Wednesday. A total of 15 Arab countries are taking part in the championship. (Petra)

**TRAIN DERAILED:** Five wagons in a train transporting phosphate from the mines in southern Jordan to Aqaba were derailed 88 kilometres away from the Hassa Mine. A report in the local press said that the derailment — the cause of which was being investigated — and the damage to the line along 250 metres, caused a total stoppage along the railway line. (Petra)

**HASHIMIYA TRAINING CENTRE GRADUATES:** The sixth batch of students Monday graduated from the Hashimiya Training Centre in Zarqa. The 184 graduates completed two years of theoretical and practical lessons on the car mechanics, central heating, welding, carpentry, decoration, and maintenance of petroleum refinery. (Petra)

**INTERNATIONAL LABOUR CAMP:** A delegation from the Ministry of Youth represented Jordan at the three-week International Labour Camp which concluded its activities in Ismailiyeh in Egypt. The Jordanian delegation held photo exhibitions on the Great Arab Revolt as well as Jordan's historical and touristic sites. The delegation also presented working papers on pollution and the youth's role in curtailing the danger of nuclear weapons. (Petra)

**DAJANI OPENS ACC MEETING:** Amman Chamber of Industry Advisor Ali Dajani Monday opened the second meeting of the Federation of Chambers of Industry in Arab Cooperation Council (ACC) countries in Alexandria on behalf of ACC Secretary General Dr. Hilmi Nammur. A number of resolutions and recommendations will be issued at the conclusion of the two-day meetings. (Petra)

**KEILANI INSPECTS NEW WELLS:** Minister of Water and Irrigation Mohammad Saleh Keilani Monday visited the regions of Al Waleh and Al Hidan where he was briefed on the wells which have been dug and the site where the water pumping stations will be installed. Keilani also inspected wells being dug at Al Heis (Petra)

**CONFERENCE ON COMBATING SMOKING:** A committee charged with preparing for a conference on combating smoking to be held next Saturday held a meeting Sunday to discuss final arrangements for the up-coming conference. The committee members said that the three-day meeting will endorse a pan-Arab law on smoking and will discuss all adverse effects of smoking on Arab society.

**IRAQ, JORDAN DISCUSS TRANSPORT:** An Iraqi-Jordanian committee on transport met in Aqaba Sunday and discussed matters related to transportation of imported goods destined for Iraq. The committee which will continue its meetings at the Ministry of Transport in Amman Monday was set up last month during an Iraqi-Jordanian meeting in Baghdad. (Petra)

**FRUIT, VEGETABLE EXPORTS:** The Ministry of Agriculture said in a bulletin Sunday that all types of fruits and vegetables can be exported in the coming month but import are limited to sage, dates and garlic. The monthly bulletin is issued through the Jordan Agricultural Marketing Organisation. (Petra)

**EXPORTERS HOLD TALKS:** The Jordanian exporters society held a meeting Sunday to discuss matters related to the development of exports which can ensure further foreign currency for Jordan. Incentives and privileges offered to exporters of Jordanian industrial and agricultural products were reviewed at the meeting. (Petra)

**GUIDEBOOK FOR EXPORTS:** The Jordan Agricultural Marketing Organisation has issued a guidebook for exporters of agricultural products to European markets and another for exporters to Arab markets. The guidebooks contain detailed information about procedures related to customs and border formalities and facilities and restrictions on transportation operations. (Petra)

**MINISTRY TO SET UP 3 THEATRE GROUPS:** The Ministry of Culture and Information has decided to set up three theatre groups to present national dances and songs and said that their members will be picked up from preparatory schools in Jordan. The ministry had earlier set up a committee to tour schools in the Kingdom and select students wishing to join the three groups. (Petra)

**WAZANI RETURNS:** Minister of Justice Ratib Al Wazani has said that the Arab Cooperation Council (ACC) ministers of justice recommended the establishment of a joint committee to study the chances of unifying and developing laws. In a statement to Jordan News Agency, Petra, upon his return to Amman from the meeting of the ACC ministers of justice which convened in Baghdad, Wazani said that the ministers agreed to form a committee to study the regulations of colleges of law in the ACC countries. The ministers also agreed to form unified delegations to Arab and international conferences dealing with law and legal issues, Wazani said. (Petra)

## WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

### EXHIBITION

★ An art exhibition by Jordanian artists Khalid Ghawamneh and Abdullah Kamaleh, and the Syrian artist Wafaa Al Masri at the Housing Bank Art Gallery.

★ An art exhibition by Jordanian artist 'Adnan Al Hila at the Royal Cultural Centre.

### FILMS

★ A repetition of part IV of the American Centre's series "The Power Game" on "The Presidency" — 7:00 p.m.

★ A German film entitled "Die Abfahrer" (English subtitled) at the Goethe Institute — 8:00 p.m.

# 3 ministers resign to prepare for elections

By Ghadeer Taher  
Jordan Times Staff Writer

AMMAN — The runup to Jordan's first general election in 22 years has reached a high point with the resignation of three members of the cabinet to prepare for the Nov. 8 polls.

Official sources confirmed that Prime Minister Sharif Zaid Ibn Shakir had accepted the resignations of Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of State for Economic Affairs Taher Al Masri, Minister of Education Abdullah Nsour and Public Works and Housing Minister Shafiq Zawaideh. The resignations take effect Sept. 1, and a Royal Decree is expected to be issued soon accepting them.

The Jordanian constitution does not allow active government officials to run in national elections. It stipulates that government officials, including ministers, must leave office at least 65 days before elections if they want to run for parliament seats. Candidacy nominations will be accepted on Oct. 14 to 16.

Masri, Nsour and Zawaideh are expected to be the only members of the present cabinet running for the Nov. 8 elections.

The resignations of the three ministers were widely expected by election analysts. Thouqan Hindawi resigned as Chief of the Royal Court earlier this month to prepare his election campaign in Irbid Governorate.

Hindawi, as well as Amman Mayor Abdul Raouf Al Rawabdeh, whose resignation was reported in the local press earlier this week, are running for two of the eight seats allocated for Muslims from Irbid Governorate.

It was not clear Monday whether the government was planning to appoint new ministers or bring about a brief reshuffle to make up for the vacancies left by the resignations.

However, informed sources said Masri's post is expected to stay vacant until after the elections. The government of Sharif Zaid, according to the sources, is

mostly seen as a caretaker government pending the elections and the vacancy left behind by Masri will be filled with the formation of a new government.

Zawaideh confirmed his resignation, but denied reports in the Arabic-language Sawt Al Shaab newspaper that Transport and Communications Minister Hikmat Khammash will take over the responsibilities of his ministry.

"The report is not true about the replacement," said Zawaideh, who is running for the Christian seat in the sixth district of Amman, Madaba. "The choice has not been decided yet," he told the Jordan Times in a telephone interview.

He refused to confirm suggestions that another member of the cabinet will be taking over the ministry. "Maybe it will be a minister or a new minister could be appointed," he said.

Zawaideh would not comment on any aspect of the elections on the grounds that he remained a minister until Sept. 1 and therefore should not make any such statement. "Contact me after Sept. 1," he said.

Reports that Nsour's post will be taken over by Minister of

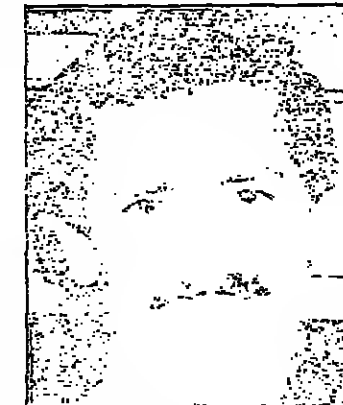


Taher Al Masri

Education Nassereddin Al Assad or Agriculture Minister Adnan Badran, who was the former president of Yarmouk University, could not be confirmed.

Officials at the Ministry of Education said that Nsour was not in his office Monday nor did they expect him.

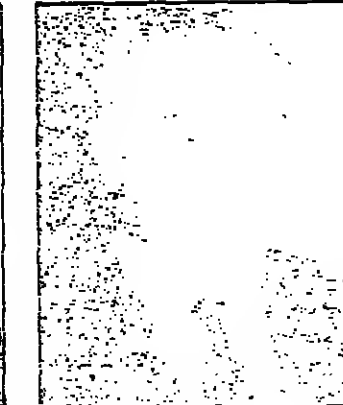
Masri will be seeking one of four Muslim seats in the Third District of Amman. According to information available to the Jordan Times, he is not the only former minister in the race. The names of Hamdi Tabhaa, Mohammad Dahbas and Moham-



Abdullah Nsour

mad Abu Ghanam have also been reported as potential candidates in the Third District, in addition to journalist Mahmoud Al Kayed, former chairman of the Jordan Press Foundation Company Limited, Milhem Al Tal, banker Fakhr Bilbeisi, Judge Ghaleb Abu Abboud, ex-deputy Fares Nabulsi, pharmacist Amin Shukry and Haifa Al Bashir, head of the Jordanian Women's Federation.

At least five are tipped to seek the sole Christian seat in the same district. They are: Dr. Jamal Al Shaer, Dr. Carlos Dihmis,



Shafiq Zawaideh

Shadeeb Abu Jaber, George Haddad and journalist Fakhr Kaawar.

The only name available to the Jordan Times Monday as potential rival to Zawaideh in Madaba was Kamel Masarweh.

Those in pursuit of the sole Muslim seat from Madaba include Fawaz Abu Ghanam, and Mohammad Quraish.

Nsour is running for one of the six seats allocated to Muslims in the Balqa region. Pundits predict Nsour will have a strong showing in the polls since "he is popular in Salt."

## RJ, S. Yemeni team discuss cooperation in civil aviation

AMMAN (Petra, J.T.) — Teams from South Yemen's airline and Royal Jordanian (RJ), the national airline, held talks here on the prospect of cooperation in civil aviation fields and training of personnel.

An RJ spokesman said that the Yemeni team sought RJ training expertise and facilities to promote the South Yemeni airline's operations.

The visitors toured the RJ training centre and examined the airline's ground services in preparation for launching cooperation in airline services to benefit from the Jordanian airline's experience, the spokesman noted.

The South Yemeni team's visit

here is the first by a delegation from that country to Jordan since late February this year, when agreement was reached on setting up a joint committee and sub-committees to pave the way for joint ventures and cooperation in a number of fields.

Meanwhile, RJ announced Monday that it transported a total of 34,553 passengers and 1,101 tonnes of products to various destinations in the second week of this month.

It said RJ planes carried 32,734 passengers and transported 839 tonnes of products in the same period of last year.

Another RJ statement said that

a team comprising the national airline, and the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) will take part in a meeting by civil aviation authorities in the four-member Arab Cooperation Council (ACC) countries which will start in Baghdad Tuesday.

The meeting, by a special committee on laws related to civil aviation, will discuss the unification of regulations in implementation of resolutions passed by the civil aviation authorities at their last meeting in the Iraqi capital.

Hani Baqaqeen from RJ and Auni Momani from the CAA will attend the coming meeting.

## Abu Qoura appeals to ICRC to help end Israeli atrocities against Arabs

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordan National Red Crescent Society (JNRCS) Monday issued an appeal to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) to help end Israel's practice of deporting Arab citizens from their Palestinian homeland.

The society's president, Dr. Ahmad Abu Qoura, said in a cable to the Geneva-based ICRC that every possible attempt should be taken at the international level to put an end to such atrocities against the Palestinian people.

Abu Qoura's cable came in the wake of Israel's deportation of

five Palestinians to Lebanon and France Sunday.

The expulsions raised to 61 the number of Palestinians deported by Israel since the uprising erupted in the occupied territories in December 1987.

The United Nations has repeatedly condemned this act, but Israel has claimed that the measure was necessary to help quell violence in the occupied lands. None of the five expelled Sunday faced trial or formal charges; and their appeals were rejected by Israel's supreme court.

Abu Qoura said in his cable to ICRC that the deportation is re-

garded as a flagrant violation of the Geneva Conventions and the international humanitarian law.

He also said that mass arrests conducted by Israeli authorities in the Arab lands violate the 49th article of the Fourth Geneva Convention on the protection of civilians under occupation.

One of the deportees, who was sent to France is Tayseer Anuri, 43, a physics professor at the West Bank's Bir Zeit University. He had been named "prisoner of conscience" by Amnesty International, the London-based human rights organisation.



One of the buildings considered architecturally significant in Salt (RSS photo)

## RSS prepares handbook on Jordan's architectural heritage

AMMAN (J.T.) — The architectural unit of the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) Building Research Centre has concluded a project designed to prepare a handbook on architectural heritage in Jordan, according to RSS News received Tuesday.

The project aims at preserving Jordan's architectural heritage, buildings of architectural value, as well as demonstrating their architectural features and typology through the use of photographs, slides, and drawings.

The city of Salt was chosen for the pilot study because it is one of the oldest cities in Jordan's mod-

ern history and which has a unique architectural character. Salt's traditional urban pattern of narrow winding streets and stairs, its yellow stone buildings stacked on top of each other, and the beautifully carved stone columns are reminders of the wealth and glory this city once had.

This project included a collection of available data on the city, a survey of the old buildings, in addition to developing a typology of these buildings.

Architecturally significant ones were chosen for a full documentation. Complete architectural drawings were also prepared for those

buildings.

This project can be used as a reference to architects and students of architecture in studies dealing with architectural identity.

It can also help architects to design buildings in harmony with their environment and make people appreciate Jordan's architectural heritage, the RSS News said.

This project is financed by the Ministry of Planning and is carried out by a team of architects from the RSS Building Research Centre and the Ministry of Public Works and Housing.

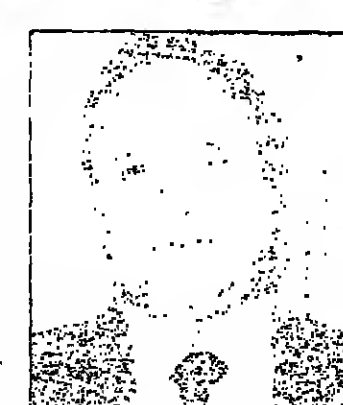
## Badran, Syrian counterpart to discuss danger of locusts

DAMASCUS (Petra, J.T.) — Minister of Agriculture Adnan Badran Monday started an official visit to Syria and said that Jordanian-Syrian bilateral cooperation in fending off the danger of desert locusts will be among the main topics for discussion with his Syrian counterpart Mohammad Ghabash.

The meeting is in implementation of resolutions by the joint Jordanian-Syrian Higher Committee which last met in Damascus under the co-chairmanship of Syrian Prime Minister Mahmoud Al Zoubi and his Jordanian counterpart Sharif Zaid Ibn Shakir, Badran said in a statement here Monday.

The meeting seeks to coordinate efforts between the two countries in promoting agricultural production and to follow up the implementation of the higher committee's resolutions in this respect, the minister said in a statement to the Jordan News Agency, Petra.

Among other topics to be discussed, Badran said, is the exchange of agricultural seeds and saplings and a Jordanian-Syrian joint project for fattening sheep at the Hammam Basin, a semi-desert area in the eastern regions of Jordan bordering Syria, Iraq



Adnan Badran

and Saudi Arabia. Joint ventures in agriculture, which have been referred to sub-committees, will also be reviewed at the meetings in Damascus, Badran added.

"We will strive to work out an agricultural coordination and integration plan that would provide for bilateral cooperation in providing the markets of Syria and Jordan with surplus crops at the request of either side," the minister noted.

He said Jordan and Syria plan to put into force an agreement on exchanging veterinary vaccines.

They will exchange veterinary pharmaceutical products and support the work of government sponsored companies in Jordan and Syria, which organise trade exchange of agricultural products.

According to Badran, Jordan has concluded contracts to buy 6,000 tonnes of Syrian seeds and grain.

He said that the Jordan Agricultural Marketing and Processing Company (JAMPCO) will soon import 3,000 tonnes and the rest will be left to the Jordanian private sector companies to handle.

At the conclusion of the higher committee meeting in Damascus last month, the two prime ministers signed minutes of their deliberations.

These provided for the establishment of a joint committee to review issues pertaining to the exchange of technical expertise, provision of seeds and saplings, the exchange of information on desert locust movements, providing veterinary vaccines and drugs, as well as possibilities of setting up joint venture projects.

The minutes also covered bilateral cooperation in industry, electricity, transport, oil and minerals and irrigation projects.

## Damascus meeting to establish Arabisation, publication centre

DAMASCUS (Petra) — The establishment of an Arab centre for Arabisation, translation and publication is among a host of recommendations taken by a pan-Arab technical committee here paying the way for Tuesday's conference of Arab ministers in charge of higher education and scientific research.

Jordan is taking part in the conference with a team led by Minister of Higher Education Nassereddin Al Assad, and was represented at the committee's two-day meeting that ended Monday by Agriculture Minister Adnan Badran and other delegates.

Badran said that following up the implementation of recommendations by the Arab ministers third meeting which was held in Baghdad in 1985 was discussed at the meeting here.

The fourth conference to start Tuesday is expected to endorse an agreement on the establishment of the projected centre in conjunction with the Arab League Educational, Cultural and Scientific Organisation (ALECSO), Badran noted.

The ministers will discuss Arabising terms used in teaching medicine by Arab universities with the help of the project centre which would have its headquarters in Syria, the minister said.

According to Badran, the ministers will also review another recommendation for the establishment of a higher Arab body on scientific research and higher studies.

"The Arab World lacks proper facilities and programmes for preparing staff for teaching at university level and this task will be entrusted to the projected body," Badran added.

Another Jordanian delegation is now in Syria to supervise the Jordanian pavilion at the Damascus International Fair due to open Tuesday.

Mr. Mohammad Riad, the pavilion's director said that pro-

ducts of 130 Jordanian companies will be displayed at the two-week fair.

Products ranging from leather, chemicals, and pharmaceuticals to foodstuffs and furniture will be exhibited at the fair to promote national products' sales in Arab and foreign countries, Riad

said.

He said that his team will supply visitors, businessmen and investors with information about incentives offered by Jordan for investors and tax exemptions, as well as facilities concerning capital land profits from such investments in the Kingdom.

## Symposium to analyse use of computers in agriculture

AMMAN (Petra) — Analysing small agricultural projects by employing computers will be the theme of a 10-day regional symposium to open here Sunday with the participation of 12 countries including Jordan.

Delegates will focus attention on the Wadi Al Arab agricultural project in Jordan as a case study in their discussions over agricultural programmes, and the use of computers to promote the implementation of these programs.

mes, according to an official at the Ministry of Agriculture.

Delegates from Jordan, Egypt, Libya, Morocco, Somalia, Oman, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, North Yemen and Cyprus will attend the conference, he said.

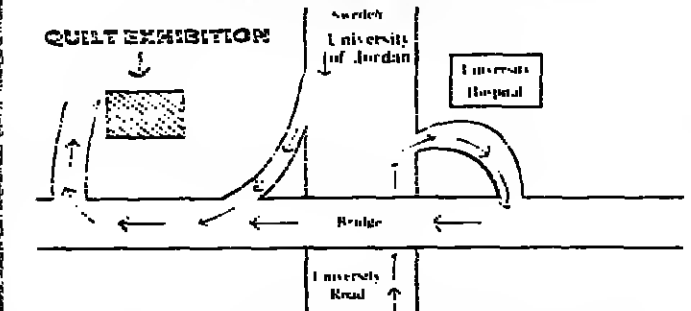
The meeting has been organised by the Near East, North Africa Regional Agricultural Credit Association in cooperation with the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) and the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA).

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## 'Queen of Hotels' endures her trial

By Vera Haller  
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Dripping diamonds and encased in designer gowns, Leona Helmsley looks regally out from magazine advertisements, touting herself as the "Queen" of her hotel empire. But the billionaire hotelier, whose self-aggrandising ads have made her known nationwide, has discovered her sovereignty is not recognised in the court of law. For six weeks, prosecution witnesses at her trial on a 47-count indictment have portrayed Mrs. Helmsley as an abusive boss who evaded taxes by charging personal expenses to her business, extorted kickbacks from liquor suppliers and didn't pay her bills. Even her lawyer conceded she was "demanding" and "abrasive."

Mrs. Helmsley, 69 — who with her husband, Harry, heads a \$5-billion real estate empire — has said not a word publicly about the stories of greed and arrogance presented by the prosecution, which rested its case last Tuesday after presenting 44 witnesses and thousands of pages of documents.

Through it all, Mrs. Helmsley has done her best to remain remote and regal. Her head held high, she listened, occasionally jotted notes and whispered comments to her lawyers.

While always fashionably dressed, Mrs. Helmsley has not flaunted her wealth. She wore tailored suits and simple jewelry like a single strand of pearls and a gold wedding band.

Well-trained in courtroom procedure, she often was the first to rise when the jury entered the room. She would look directly at the jurors and give them a friendly nod.

How or if Mrs. Helmsley's courtroom demeanor will affect the jurors remains to be seen.

The jurors heard from contractors about their battles to get paid for renovation work at Mrs. Helmsley's Connecticut estate, Dunellen Hall.

She disputed many bills, negotiated lesser payments and ultimately had much of the cost, \$3.1 million, paid for by Helms-

ley-owned businesses, testimony has shown.

The jurors also will consider a document that claims she charged more than \$320,000 in personal purchases to the Park Lane Hotel, ranging from \$32 for insect repellent and \$60 for undergarments to nearly \$3,000 for cuff links and tens of thousands of dollars in designer clothing.

The jury also has heard three liquor vendors testify they were forced by Mr. Helmsley's top aide, Frank Turco, to pay large kickbacks to keep their accounts at Helmsley hotels.

In testimony July 25, a former Helmsley executive, Milton Meckler, said Turco once held up several envelopes and said, "This is cash. This is what Mrs. Helmsley wants."

But the jurors won't hear Mrs. Helmsley's version of events. Her lead lawyer, Gerald Feffer, says she will not take the stand. Her two co-defendants, Turco and another former aide, Joseph Licari, also will not testify. Harry Helmsley, 80, also was charged but was found incompetent to stand trial.

A key part of the defence is that the Helmsleys used Dunellen Hall for business purposes.

The defence will wrap up the trial next week with testimony from two audit experts who claim the Helmsleys, rather than evading \$681,000 in taxes, actually are owed refunds.

Her lawyers say she overpaid taxes for 1983, 1984 and 1985 because she did not properly depreciate a tax-shelter investment. U.S. district Judge John M. Walker Jr. said Friday that waiting until the trial was nearly over to make the claim smells of desperation, but that it will be allowed.

Mrs. Helmsley has surrounded herself with lawyers and family members during breaks in testimony. Security employees escort her to and from her limousine at the beginning and end of each day.

She lunches in the courthouse cafeteria. At the beginning of the trial, she ate the cafeteria food but now is brought sandwiches from an outside delicatessen.



A fearful refugee begins a new life in Frankfurt

## Soviets slowing space bid in favour of social programmes

By Paul Raeburn  
The Associated Press

PASADENA — Soviet plans to explore Mars and ultimately send a manned mission there are being delayed by pressure to divert money to social programmes, a leading Soviet space official said.

"We want to keep all the programmes, but whether we will do it on a longer scale or as we had planned, it's difficult to say now," said Albert Galeev, head of the Institute of Space Research in Moscow.

Galeev was in Pasadena for the second international conference on solar system exploration, held at the California Institute of Technology.

At the meeting of the Congress of People's deputies in Moscow in late May and early June, some delegates had argued that money should be diverted from the

space and military budgets toward raising workers' salaries and pensions, Galeev said in an interview.

In the end, money was taken only from the military budget, not from the space budget, he said. Nevertheless, approval for funding of space missions has slowed.

As a consequence, plans to launch a mission in 1994 to land on Mars and explore the planet have been cut back, Galeev said.

The mission, called Mars '94, had been planned to include a Rover that could move about the Martian surface, but because of delays in funding there is no longer time to develop and test such a Rover by 1994, he said.

"We have got funding for instruments but not for the spacecraft," he said, adding that he expected money for the

spacecraft would soon be approved.

The next mission in the Mars programme was intended to be a 1998 launch to take a sample of the Martian surface and bring it back to Earth. The United States also has discussed a sample-return mission.

"Now it looks like if the U.S. is going to do it, maybe we should not have a competition, but do it jointly," Galeev said.

He also said he expects the Soviets will join an international manned mission to Mars rather than doing it alone.

The delays in the Mars programme are symptomatic of the space programme generally, he said.

The Soviet Mars programme was set back last year when two probes spacecraft failed. One was given an incorrect command

## Europe's new hazard — 'airport' malaria

EUROPEANS face a new health hazard — what doctors are calling "airport malaria." Although the disease was officially eliminated from most of the continent three decades ago, cases still occur — and some of them have a common factor.

This is that the sufferers either work at or live near major airports which handle long-haul flights. The latest two examples are linked to Geneva airport, barely a kilometre away from the headquarters of the World Health Organisation (WHO), which leads the global battle against malaria.

As neither of the patients — one works at the airport and the other lives nearby — had travelled outside Switzerland for more than a year, it is believed they were infected by mosquitoes brought into the country on an airliner coming from a malarial zone.

Happily, both victims are now recovering. Similar cases have occurred at many other European airports, the latest instances bringing the recorded total to almost thirty.

WHO advice is that aircraft

should be sprayed to stop the spread of mosquitoes and other pests. Nevertheless, the "airport" variety forms only a small proportion of cases of the disease "imported" into Europe. Business travellers or tourists make up the vast majority.

According to the latest WHO estimates, more than two billion people are now at risk from malaria, which has gained ground in many regions. Up to 100 million contract the disease every year.

Climatic changes resulting from the "greenhouse" effect of ozone loss have brought renewed fears that it could make a comeback, both in Europe and North America.

And to make matters worse, even the best drugs now available to combat the malarial parasite seem to be getting increasingly ineffective as the carriers build up resistance to medical attack.

The only piece of good news to emerge in the face of this new threat is the possibility of a spin-off from current cancer research to aid malaria treatment.

Although medical science has taken giant strides towards

understanding and testing human cancers, these maverick cells still provide an intractable problem of drug resistance.

Cancer researchers, however, have now recognised that the malarial parasite behaves in similar ways to tumour cells, prompting speculation that some of the weapons used against cancers may be effective against malaria.

Many existing cancer drugs are now seen to work in ways that could be equally relevant to drug-resistant and rapidly-multiplying malaria cells.

The main similarity between the rogue cells of tumours and malarial parasites appears to be group of genes which put up a spirited defence against drugs. The malarial parasite uses this mechanism against such standard medicines as chloroquine in much the same way as cancer cells attack anti-cancer agents.

Cancer research has focused on developing drugs like pyrimethamine, which block the genes that protect tumours from medical attacks. It is thought that pyrimethamine could also defeat chloroquine resistance in the malaria parasite. *Lion features*

## Ticket to loneliness

By Nina Darnton with  
Catherine Field in Frankfurt

A tiny dark-haired girl in a page-boy haircut stood in the Frankfurt Main Airport, clutching her battered suitcase. She appeared terrified of the gleaming terminal with its brightly lit, endless corridors and its booming flight announcements that seemed to come from the sky. She did not say a word but just stared silently into space, as if she were a visitor from another world.

She was. The girl, a 6-year-old named Besna, is from a mountain village in Afghanistan. Only hours before, her parents separated her from her five brothers and sisters and put her alone on an airplane to what they hoped would be a better life. "She looked so lonely I wanted to hug her and take her home," a policeman remembers. He had known immediately why she was there. He had seen many like her.

Besna is one of thousands of Third World children who have arrived alone in West Germany recently; they are put on airplanes by parents desperate to save them from war and economic woes. Others come as their family's last hope for survival. "Go to West Germany, study and work," said one Sri Lankan mother to her 10-year-old son. "Then send us money to get us out of this hell." In the past year almost 4,000 "airplane children" — about 10 a day — have entered the country. Since the ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war, arrivals from that region have tapered off. But the number of children escaping Eritrea, Lebanon, Turkey, Afghanistan and Sri Lanka has continued to swell.

West Germany has become the promised land thanks to its excellent social-welfare services and an unusual gap in otherwise tight immigration laws: children under 16 can enter the country without visas. If authorities deem their passports legitimate (only about 10 per cent of children are sent back because of false papers), the government accepts responsibility for the children.

Their first stop, while awaiting clearance by West Germany's Federal Border Police, is a spacious playroom at Frankfurt airport's office complex, equipped with a television, video and various toys. The refugees are then driven to a group home in the countryside. They are housed in quarters luxurious beyond their parents' wildest dreams — two or three to a room with private showers. Staff members give them German-language lessons, teach them how to play pool or soccer and take them trekking in the neighbouring woodland. Translators and social workers help the children adjust. Other welfare workers hunt for schools and foster homes that will anchor them in their new country.

But even as the social-service system strives to accommodate the flow, West German authorities are trying to stem it. Since most of the children arrive on Aeroflot or Balkan Air flights, the police are asking those airlines to accept only children who can show "entry certificates" obtained from a West German Embassy. So far, their pleas have been ignored. The government is also considering new legislation that would require an entry visa for every foreigner regardless of age. An offending airline would be fined and required to fly the children back at its own expense. The bill, however, is not expected to pass before the end of this

year. No questions: In the meantime, parents keep putting their kids on planes. And like many victims, they are attracting vultures. Profiters are charging parents as much as three times the price of the scheduled airfare to get their children out with no questions asked. Subramaniam is a 10-year-old boy from Sri Lanka — the homeland of about 70 per cent of the airplane children who have entered West Germany in the past seven months. His father, who was a prosperous farmer before Indian troops shelled his land, somehow raised the \$2,800 needed to secure the boy's ticket; the normal price of the ticket is \$900. West German officials know that the child trafficking is a racket, but don't know how it's

run. "If a group of 20 children come off a plane from Sri Lanka, they will all have tickets with consecutive numbers," says Frankfurt Border Police chief, Lt. Col. Klaus Severin. "You can't tell me that 20 families decided to send off their children on the same day."

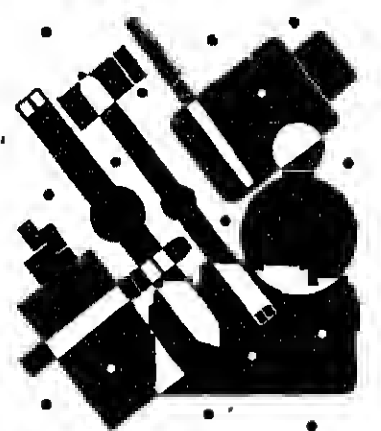
For the children, overwhelmed by grief and loss, the trip is a wrenching separation from the life they left behind. Besna frequently cannot stop crying despite efforts by grown-ups to console her. Rarely is there someone nearby who can speak her native language. Social workers hope that, because of her youth, she will pick up German quickly. They try to get the children to think of the future.

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## JTV CHANNEL 2 HIGHLIGHTS...

On Tuesday at 9:10 there is episode three of Winners and Losers. John Graham, having promised Jo a directorship of the company after the retirement of one of his partners, informs her that Eddie's organisation "is not as solid as it seems". Jo investigates this in more detail. John is also aware that Jo's personal life is giving her cause for contemplation. Scott has now become rather morose; Neil organises a party in an attempt to raise his spirits. During this party, Scott receives news of his mother's sudden death. He is now left to deal with his ailing father alone. At 10:20 there is the second episode of Act of Betrayal. Michael takes his family to Sydney in Australia away from the reach of the Irish Republican Army (IRA). But the IRA proves to have a long hand. On Wednesday at 10:20 there is the bestseller, Master of the Game. The Dutchman's daughter delivers a baby boy. But James refuses to acknowledge the child as his own. On Thursday at 8:30 there is the Bill Cosby show, and at 9:10 Max Headroom. This science fiction story continues with Carter returning to work at the television station and joining forces with Max to bring the gang that disrupted the city's computer system to justice. At 10:20 there is the feature film entitled the Lady from Yesterday. A call from the past awakens Craig. A Vietnamese woman on her deathbed informs him that she is leaving her child in his care. He remembers the woman and his relationship with her from the days of the Vietnam war. On Friday at 9:10 there is Adderley in a new episode entitled, Run to Darkness. Adderley is sent to East Berlin on another secret mission. As for Falcon Crest, JTV is informed that the filming of the new episodes will begin in December 1989 and will be shown on Channel 2 as soon as they are available.

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## Egypt hopes to attract new Kuwaiti investments

CAIRO (R) — Kuwaiti Emir Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, head of one of the world's richest countries, began a visit to Egypt Monday which Cairo hopes will trigger a rash of new investments.

But diplomats in Cairo and Kuwait warn Sheikh Jaber's three-day official trip, his first to Egypt since he became head of state in 1977, may not yield as much cash as expected.

"The Kuwaitis see the stability of Egypt as extremely important and that includes economic stability," said a Western diplomat based in Kuwait.

"But I think it is hazardous to speculate (on new Kuwaiti aid) before it happens. Kuwait does not like to commit itself," he said.

Kuwaiti loans, deposits and investments in Egypt total \$3.5 billion, Kuwaiti embassy officials in Cairo said.

They said Kuwait would sign two agreements during the visit — each worth about \$33 million — to help develop the iron and steel industry and expand a polyester factory.

But Arab diplomats said they doubted that the oil-rich Kuwaitis would plunge straight into fresh investments despite a new

law designed to promote foreign investment in Egypt.

A critical factor will be whether or not Cairo and Kuwait can settle a long-standing dispute over Kuwaiti-owned property in Egypt, the diplomats said.

Kuwaitis, thousands of whom escape the scorching Gulf heat by spending the summer in Egypt, bought holiday properties worth hundreds of millions of Egyptian pounds years ago.

But in order to avoid taxes they signed over the rights of the properties to Egyptian middlemen.

As the prices of land and real estate soared, the Egyptians refused to hand back the properties, knowing that legally the Kuwaiti tax-dodgers would not be able to challenge them.

Kuwait is now asking the Egyptian government to intervene.

Other issues due to be discussed include arms sales to Kuwait, Egypt's migrant worker force in Kuwait, Lebanon, Middle East peace and the problem of Third

World debt.

Kuwait has already bought \$500 million worth of arms from Egypt's Arab Organisation for Industrialisation (AOI).

Sales include armoured vehicles, Hawk-eye anti-aircraft missiles and Swing fire anti-tank missiles.

Egypt is also expected to appeal for better treatment and guarantees for Egypt's labour force in Kuwait, estimated at about 200,000 workers.

Egyptian ambassador to Kuwait Said Rifaat told Kuwait's Al Qabas newspaper last week many Egyptian workers signed low-wage contracts in Egypt only to discover later the money was not enough because of high cost of living in Kuwait.

Western diplomats said they believed Sheikh Jaber's visit was largely a courtesy call, returning President Hosni Mubarak's previous trips. Mubarak stopped over in Kuwait in February.

Mubarak will take his guest to the Mediterranean city of Alexandria.

They are also expected to go to the Suez Canal town of Ismailia where Kuwait is helping to fund construction of an Islamic educational institution.

## ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

### Israel forms team to study projects

TEL AVIV (R) — The government agreed Sunday to set up a three-man committee headed by Finance Minister Shimon Peres to speed up economic development projects to combat Israel's rising unemployment. The seasonally adjusted jobless total rose to 150,000 or 9.5 per cent of the workforce in the second quarter of this year, the highest for 20 years. One year earlier it was six per cent. Last month the government introduced a \$140 million spending package to try to stimulate economic growth which has remained static this year after a sluggish 1.6 per cent increase in gross domestic product in 1988.

### Bangladesh adopts \$50m forest plan

DHAKA (R) — Bangladesh will spend \$50 million to create forests in the country's arid north, an area environmentalists say could turn into a desert. Announcing the plan, Environment and Forest Minister Mayeedul Islam said trees now covered only 2.5 per cent of the north compared with six per cent elsewhere in the country. "This is a highly alarming situation and we must do our best to reverse the trend and save nature," he said. Officials said Bangladesh must have 25 per cent of its total land area under forest to keep the environment in balance. They said the unplanned felling of trees for fuel and other domestic uses was partly responsible for the depletion of forests.

### S. Korea reports low growth rate

SEOUL (AP) — Impeded by labour strikes and sluggish exports, South Korea's gross national product between January and June rose an estimated 6.5 per cent from a year ago, the Bank of Korea has reported. The central bank said it was the smallest first-half growth rate since a 2.5 per cent increase in the first half of 1981. The GNP grew 11.8 per cent in the corresponding period last year. The bank put the GNP for the first half of this year at \$3.39 trillion won at 1985 constant exchange rates, up 6.5 per cent from \$3.11 trillion won a year ago. The bank did not give U.S. dollar equivalents at those rates, but at the current exchange rate of 660 won to the dollar, those figures would be \$80.9 billion and \$75.9 billion respectively. A slowdown in exports were blamed on the appreciation of the South Korean won currency, wage hikes and lost production due to labour strikes.

### S. Arabia endorses GCC share trading

RIYADH (AP) — The foreign ministry notified the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Sunday that Saudi Arabia had endorsed the principle of free shareholding in GCC stocks. A statement from GCC headquarters in Riyadh said the Saudi move was in line with a decision taken at the last annual summit conference of the Gulf alliance in Bahrain in December. The GCC groups Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman and the United Arab Emirates in an eight-year-old pact aimed at eventually creating a common market for the conservative Arab states of the oil-rich region. Saudi Arabia is the biggest country in the alliance, and the shareholding decision is expected to bolster the fledgling stock markets being developed by GCC states. The move would also foster private sector participation in regional development, an objective sought by GCC countries as they try to lessen economic dependence on oil exports amid a fluctuating oil market.

### Peking unveils more state fraud

BEIJING (AP) — Authorities in Shanxi province confiscated 2,700 cars from bureaucrats who squandered public funds to ensure their own free ride, the official Guangming daily has said. The report said the northern province, one of China's poorest, earned 50 million yuan (\$13.5 million) by reselling the vehicles and fining government departments that illegally purchased the cars last year. New cars have been a main target of a year-long government campaign to cut waste and reduce rampant spending of public funds by local officials. The Communist Party Politburo last month barred all senior party and government leaders from driving imported cars. But the daily said local departments in Shanxi had ignored government restrictions on buying new vehicles, and that many units had resorted to fraud to obtain their cars. Some officials used funds set aside for natural disasters and education, while some officials used their cars for personal pleasure and profit. Many of the officials registered their cars in the names of individuals or army units. Those officials found violating regulations on buying cars were fined 30 to 40 per cent of the car's value, the daily said.

## Africa warns creditors of debt bomb explosion

CAIRO (R) — African officials, worried that the continent's debt crisis is primed to explode, met in Cairo Monday to try wring more debt relief from creditors.

The seminar arranged by the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) is part of a four-year campaign for an international conference to solve Africa's \$240 billion foreign debt crisis.

"By the year 2002 the total debt of Africa may explode to a value of \$1,500 billion," warned a briefing document.

"If the borrowing terms continued (unchanged) in the medium and long run, servicing this fast in-

creasing debt could be unsustainable," it said.

Creditors generally have shied away from any international conference, saying adequate channels of contact already exist.

Many prefer a case-by-case approach, wary that a conference would set a dangerous precedent for collective bargaining which Latin American debtors, with their greater economic muscle, might exploit.

The OAU, acknowledging that the proposed conference has not received international acceptance, said Sunday some of the measures it wanted to discuss bad

not been understood.

Seeking to allay any fears among creditors that such talks could lead to major confrontation, it said they would be a platform for constructive dialogue.

A seminar document prepared by the OAU and the U.N. Economic Commission for Africa described as "noteworthy," but of limited help, a series of creditor initiatives in recent years to ease Africa's debt burden.

These included steps to reschedule debts over longer periods, to write off some debts and to cut interest rates.

## Gulf Arab states find Australian sheep, banned by Riyadh, healthy

KUWAIT (R) — Gulf countries are accepting as healthy hundreds of thousands of live Australian sheep which Saudi Arabia rejected on the grounds they were diseased.

The Saudi blackball set off alarm bells in the Australian livestock industry and sent shippers scrambling to find ports that would let them dock and unload their unwelcome cargoes.

Kuwait said Monday that it accepted last week a boatload of nearly 100,000 sheep rejected by the Saudis, tested and approved

by them and would begin unloading them immediately.

"All the sheep aboard the mentioned ship were clinically tested and no sign of sheep pox or blue tongue were found, nor were there any miscarriages that would indicate the sheep had brucellosis," said a statement from Kuwait's Public Authority for Agriculture and Fishing.

This month Saudi Arabia rejected about 300,000 Australian sheep, saying they had blue tongue and sheep pox. Another Gulf Arab state, Qatar, rejected an Australian shipment last week, saying the animals had brucellosis.

Australia denied the charges, saying all three diseases were unknown in its commercial flocks.

On Saturday Lloyd Beeby of the Australian Meat and Livestock Corporation said Saudi Arabia had ignored requests to release its laboratory tests as required by an international health code he said Saudi Arabia had

signed.

"We are naturally delighted (with the Kuwaiti results) because it vindicates our solid conviction that our sheep do not have any of the three diseases named," he told Reuters.

The row with Saudi Arabia alarmed Australia's livestock industry, which exports around seven million live sheep a year mostly to the Gulf. The trade is worth up to \$78 million.

Canberra last Tuesday suspended live-sheep sales to Saudi Arabia, which normally takes half Australia's exports.

Livestock dealers in Dubai said Qatar, after reviewing its own tests, later accepted the shipment it had previously rejected.

The dealers said tests so far by the United Arab Emirates agriculture ministry on 13,700 sheep rejected by Saudi Arabia showed the animals were not diseased.

In Bahrain, the Gulf News Agency quoted commerce and agriculture ministry sources as saying "all sheep consignments" arriving in Bahrain are healthy. The officials declined to say if this included sheep rejected by the Saudis.

Sultan Al Sultan, director of animal health at Kuwait's Agricultural Authority said blood samples had been taken at random from sheep rejected by the Saudis, and a post-mortem done on those that had died during the voyage from Australia.

No sickness was discovered. "They are very precise checks," he told a news conference.

He declined to speculate on why Saudi Arabia had found them diseased.

"Every country has its own steps that it sees appropriate to protect its own interests," he said.

Of 98,697 sheep now in port in Kuwait, 60,000 would be unloaded and the rest sent to Dubai, Bahrain and Oman, he said.

Industry sources said Kuwait's laboratories had the reputation of being the best in the region.

## Seoul bails out Daewoo

SEOUL (AP) — South Korea Monday approved a \$600 million package of measures designed to bail out debt-ridden Daewoo Shipbuilding and Heavy Machinery Ltd.

The bailout, announced by the trade and industry ministry, was believed to be the largest in South Korean history involving a single company.

Approval was granted on condition that the Daewoo conglomerate inject another \$600 million into the shipbuilding company, which it controls, by the fall of 1990 by selling some assets in its other subsidiaries, a statement said.

The ministry statement said Daewoo group chairman Kim Woo-Chung had agreed to that condition.

The shipyard is South Korea's second largest. Its annual capacity is 1.68 million gross tons, about one-third of the country's capacity.

Under the government bailout package, ministry officials said, Daewoo will be granted a moratorium on paying back an existing loan of \$374 million from the state-run Korea Development Bank.

The moratorium calls for the shipbuilder to pay back the loan in installments over 10 years after a seven-year grace period in which it will not have to pay interest, the officials said.

They said the bank also will extend a fresh loan of \$224 million when the Daewoo group's self-financing condition is met.

They said the new loan also will be repayable over 10 years after a seven-year grace period.

The shipyard, which suffered a deficit of \$318 million last year alone, is expected to reach a break-even point by 1993 with government package, Daewoo officials said.

Ministry officials said the bailout package also calls for holding down pay raises for Daewoo's 12,700 shipyard workers until the company's operations regain their fiscal health. If pay raises are given, the government said, they must correspond to increased productivity.

They said Daewoo's present debts stand at about \$1.94 billion. The protracted global recession in shipbuilding and a series of labour strikes were blamed for the deficits.

Daewoo Group controls 65.24 per cent of the company, with the remainder owned by the Korea Development Bank and other local interests.

## IRS tracks American tax cheaters

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. treasury claims to have evidence that many Americans living in other countries are cheating on their income tax, and it has a new way to track the culprits: By studying their passport renewals.

Bryan Musselman of the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) says that U.S. consulates abroad began last year to report to the Treasury Department the names of U.S. citizens applying for new passports, an indication those citizens were living abroad.

Musselman called this "a powerful new source of information" for the IRS.

Some 73,000 applications were recorded the first year. Revenue officials are matching the names from the State Department against their master file to see who is filing tax returns and who isn't.

Musselman estimates that hundreds of thousands of Americans living abroad aren't filing tax returns.

He did not estimate the loss to the treasury, but in 1986 the General Accounting Office, which makes audits for Congress, estimated it at \$620 million to \$2 billion a year.

Musselman estimates that three million Americans were living abroad last year, including about 750,000 in the armed services. For 1986, the IRS got 264,000 returns from Americans abroad.

If returns had been received from Americans in other countries in the same proportion as Americans in the United States, there would have been about 1.2 million, officials said.

"It's a bleak picture so far as tax collection is concerned," Musselman said in an interview. The United States is one of a few countries that require their citizens abroad to pay income taxes.

The United States does, and requires them to report their incomes. An unmarried person must report anything over \$5,100 a year.

If the income is earned, Americans only have to pay taxes when a salary amounts to more than \$70,000 a year. Military and other U.S. government employees, are not entitled to the exemption.

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## Spain ends state TV monopoly

MADRID (R) — Spain's state monopoly on television has ended when the government awarded three lucrative private channels to groups including France's Canal Plus and Italian tycoon Silvio Berlusconi.

Government spokeswoman Rosa Conde said the cabinet granted the 10-year renewable concessions to Gestevision Telecinco, a group backed by Berlusconi, Sociedad De Television Canal Plus Espana and Spanish group, Antena 3 De Television.

Five groups had contested the three channels, which must start broadcasting within six months. Univision Canal Uno S.A., backed by Australian-born press magnate Rupert Murdoch, and Spanish group television Canal C were rejected.

Conde said the cabinet's decision was made after "a tough, serious and fair debate." She said the cabinet picked the groups which best guaranteed free expression and diversity of ideas, could offer a wider selection of Spanish and European-produced programmes and were financially strongest.

The decision ended a state monopoly on the most popular medium in Spain, which dates back to General Francisco Franco.

Until now, Spain had two government-controlled national channels, a series of regional channels run by local govern-

ments and satellite television beamed from abroad.

Government surveys show 87 per cent of Spain's 39 million people watch television daily and up to 70 per cent rely on its news to form political views in a country which has one of the lowest newspaper readerships in Western Europe.

Technical facilities will be available for private channels to start broadcasting to Madrid and Barcelona, the country's two biggest cities, in October.

Analysts said the date could be crucial as most politicians believe that Prime Minister Felipe Gonzalez is poised to call a snap election by the end of the year to seek a third successive term. Elections are due by next June.

Besides denting government control, private channels are expected to cut state television's advertising revenues, which totalled more than \$1 billion last year.

The government has limited to 25 per cent the maximum stake any foreign or national group can hold in a private channel.

Berlusconi, who controls three private channels in Italy and has a stake in a French channel, holds a 25 per cent stake in Gestevision Telecinco through his Fininvest investment company. Spanish publishing group Anaya and the National Organisation for the Blind charity each hold 25 per cent with the rest shared among

Spanish businessmen.

France's Canal Plus and Spain's Promotora De Informaciones S.A., which publishes the country's biggest daily, El Pais, each have 25 per cent of Sociedad De Television Canal Plus Espana.

Among the group's powerful shareholders are Spain's biggest bank, Banco Bilbao Vizcaya and Grupo March.

The Barcelona daily La Vanguardia, Spain's second biggest, has 18 per cent, the biggest stake, in Antena 3 De Television.

Antena 3 radio station has seven per cent with the rest being shared among foreign financiers, Spanish businessmen and regional newspapers.

### AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES

Monday, August 28, 1989  
Central Bank official rates

	Buy	Sell
U.S. dollar	601.2	607.2
French Franc	99.4	98.8
Deutsche Mark	305.7	308.8
Swiss franc	354.6	358.1
French franc	90.8	91.7
Japanese yen (for 100)	416.0	423.2
Dutch guilder	271.3	274.9
Swedish crown	90.6	91.5
Indian Rupee (for 100)	42.7	43.1
Belgian franc (for 10)	146.8	148.3

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## Tunisia qualifies for World Cup playoff with Cameroun

TUNIS (R) — Tunisia qualified for a World Cup soccer African playoff with Cameroun on Sunday when they beat Zambia 1-0 and Zaire could only draw 1-1 with Morocco.

Tunisia spent an anxious 20 minutes after the end of their victory in Tunis until the final result from the other Africa group D match came through.

Tunisia now meet Cameroun, group C winners after a 1-0 success over Nigeria, over two legs to decide one of the two African teams in the World Cup finals in Italy next year.

The other African side will be either Egypt or Algeria, the group A and B winners.

Tunisia began the day in third place in the Group D table below Zambia and Zaire. Their victory took them to the top of the table but Zaire could have overtaken them if they also won.

Abderrahman Mahjonhi scored the vital goal from a direct free kick in the 74th minute after a series of narrow misses from the lively Tunisian forwards, reinvigorated by newly-hired Polish coach Anton Piechniczek.

## Veteran wins all-women's race

STOCKHOLM, Sweden (AP) — Veteran Swedish marathoner Eivy Palm held off a fellow Swedish runner and two Americans Sunday to win the world's largest all-women's race.

Almost 30,000 other women started the sixth edition of the 10.3-kilometre race in the outskirts of Stockholm.

Palm, 47, who was fifth in the Boston marathon only two years ago, led from start to finish and clocked 34 minutes, 09 seconds. She had an identical winning time last year.

It was the fifth win in the last six years for Palm, who will next compete in the Chicago marathon in October.

Malin Waslund of Sweden was second in 34:44, beating American Lisa Vail by 10 seconds.

Mary Ellen McGowan, one of the pre-race favourites, ran fourth in 35:19.

McGowan, who placed fourth in the mile at the U.S. indoor track and field championships earlier this year, has a personal best of 33:33 in the 10,000 metres.

Bea Hinte of the United States, who finished ninth in 36:26, was the only other foreigner to make the top 10.

Simon Roberts led a Tanzanian 1-2 finish in a men's half-marathon (21:09.5 metres), beating Juma Mnyampanda by more than a minute. Roberts clocked 1 hour, 2 minutes and 47 seconds.

Joseph Chelelo of Kenya was third. Pat Petersen of the United States was sixth.

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

**AUSTRIAN WINS SKI JUMP MEET:** Austrian teenager Heinz Kuttin put together successive jumps of 89 metres Sunday to win a 70-metre ski jumping meet at the national ski centre in Hinterzarten, West Germany. Kuttin, 18, compiled 224.6 points for the victory in intermittent rain. Dieter Thoma of West Germany was second with jumps of 90 and 85.5 metres for 221.1 points. East German Jens Weissflog finished third in the field of 112 jumpers. The Olympic and former world cup champion had jumps of 86.5 and 86 metres for 216.0 points (AP).

**CHILE CRUSH VENEZUELA IN WORLD CUP:** Chile crushed Venezuela 5-0 (halftime 3-0) on Sunday to draw level with Brazil at the top of their qualifying group for the 1990 world cup finals. But the Chileans, ordered by FIFA to play the home tie in Mendoza, just over the border in Argentina, may regret the chances they missed to increase the score against a weak Venezuelan side. Chile are now level with Brazil at the top of South American group three qualifying group with five points. But Brazil, who beat Venezuela 6-0 last week, have the better goal average and a draw against Chile next week in the final group match will see them through to the finals in Italy (R).

**URUGUAY DEFEATS PERU:** Uruguay defeated Peru 2-0 in an elimination match for the world soccer cup that will be held in Italy in 1990. With the defeat Peru lost all of its possibilities to be eligible for the world cup. Peru was defeated by Bolivia 1-2 in La Paz last Sunday. In Sunday's game, Ruben Sosa from Uruguay made the first goal in the first minute of the second half. The second goal was made by Antonio Alzamendi in the 21st minute. The Uruguayans made good use of the carelessness of Peru's defense to score the first and the second goals. Peru's played only 15 minutes of good soccer in the end of the first half (AP).

**LENDI BEATS PERFORMERS:** Ivan Lendi rallied to beat unseeded Mikael Pernfors of Sweden 4-6, 6-2, 6-4 and win the Hamlet Challenge cup tennis tournament Sunday. Lendi made numerous unforced errors throughout the match, most of them in the first set. The three-time U.S. open champion insisted he was not concerned with his inconsistent play leading up to the open which begins this week. "He played the best against me since I beat him in the French open final two years ago," said Lendi, the top-ranked player in the world. "I didn't anticipate anything in this match. I was out to have fun and get ready for the open." (R).

**SCHWANTZ WINS MOTORCYCLE GRAND PRIX:** Kevin Schwantz of the United States outtraced countrymen Eddie Lawson and Wayne Rainey Sunday for his fifth 500-CC Grand Prix motorcycle victory of the season, held in Brno, Czechoslovakia. Schwantz, on a Yamaha, covered the 124.062-kilometre distance of 23 laps in 48 minutes, 20.649 seconds. Lawson, on a Honda, clocked 48:25.926, while Rainey was timed on a Yamaha in 48:46.700. After 14 races and with one to go, Lawson leads the world championship standings with 211 points, followed by Rainey with 195.5 and Christian Sarron of France with 157.5 (AP).

**THAILAND, INDONESIA WIN GOLDS:** Thailand's Voraphon Thongkamoo beat defending champion Tintus Arianto Wibowo of Indonesia for the men's singles tennis gold medal, but Indonesians won both gold and silver in the women's singles Sunday in the southeast Asian games, held in Kuala Lumpur. Voraphon beat Wibowo 6-3, 6-3 in 67 minutes, leaving Wibowo with the silver medal. "I played very well today and controlled the court most of the time," said Voraphon. (AP)

## FORECAST FOR TUESDAY, AUGUST 29, 1989

## YOUR HOROSCOPE

— As Charted By The Carroll Flighter Astrological Foundation

### GENERAL TENDENCIES:

Legal matters surface out of nowhere and should be addressed immediately. Communication of all sorts is possible today. The expansive nature of the day can lead to many new contacts and activities.

**ARIES** (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) A change will let you proceed with new plans and enterprises. The near future is, in order with luck and good timing on your side.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20 to May 20) A quiet time is passing, and romantic feelings have you excited. Relax and plan to spend time alone. Get lots of rest and relaxation.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 21) Try to finish some of the many things you have started. Straighten out creative projects, and return books and records you have borrowed.

**MOON CHILDREN** (June 22 to July 21) Many matters are clearing up. You have greater financial insight which is the key to current problems. Take a second look.

**LEO** (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Romance can move faster than anticipated. You are in the fast lane socially, and this is lending momentum to all the other aspects of your life.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Lack of organization annoys you. Avoid getting rattled if given added responsibility. You have more than enough talent to complete the job.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) There is a lingering question about a project or activity. Rethink plans if your mind is not made up. Pay attention to relatives and loved ones.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Sit down and discuss money problems with your mate. Try not to bicker over trivial matters, and get down to the business at hand.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Your communication skills are at their best, so contact others now. The phone may ring off the hook. Friendliness predominates.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) There is harmony on the home front. Proceed with business plans and other interests. Help someone with a project, and combine efforts.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) If you want it, go get it. Pursue your own interests. Socialize tonight, and tune into family matters. Accept an invitation.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Short trips here and there will keep you busy. Financial opportunities come up. Study them carefully, and use your numerous talents.



Martina Navratilova

## Navratilova wins Canadian Open

TORONTO (AP) — Top seed Martina Navratilova won her fourth Canadian Open tennis title Sunday and the \$74,000 winner's prize with a 6-2, 6-2 victory over French Open champion Arantxa Sanchez at the Player's Challenge tennis championship.

Navratilova, 32, had gained the final with a 6-0, 6-2 semifinal victory over unseeded Anne Minter on Saturday and said before the match she would "attempt to impose" her serve-and-volley game at the expense of the 17-year-old Sanchez, who earned \$29,000.

The left-hander reeled off a string of eight game wins, breaking Sanchez to take a 3-2 lead in the opening set and cruising to a 3-0 advantage in the second.

Sanchez, the No. 4 seed and a clay-court specialist using this hardcourt tournament as a tune-up for this week's U.S. Open, had upset No. 2 seed Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina 3-6, 6-5, 6-3 in Saturday's other semifinal.

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Navratilova held to go up 5-1, but Sanchez held her serve for the first time in the second set to make it 5-2.

With Navratilova serving for the match and down 0-30, she bounced back to deuce, squandered one match point, but put it away on her second attempt with a backhand volley at the net.

Navratilova used her serve-and-volley game to keep Sanchez off balance throughout the 70-minute match, refusing to engage in any frequent baseline rallies with her opponent.

## Leaders meet in Puerto Rico

### IOC accepts FIFA's age limit

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Soccer has thrown its weight around and tennis players who compete in South Africa have been thrown out of the Olympics as the leaders of the games begin a week of meetings.

The International Olympic Committee's executive board gave in Sunday after nearly a year of fighting and accepted the eligibility plan of FIFA, the international soccer federation, to limit the 1992 tournament to players 23 years and younger. The IOC had sought broader eligibility rules.

The board made it clear it was unhappy with the move and that even if it is adopted as expected by the full committee later in the year, the age limit may last only through the games in Barcelona.

Nevertheless, it was victory enough for the president of FIFA, Joao Havelange, to gloat. "FIFA controls world soccer,

not the IOC," he said. With tennis, however, it was the IOC's turn to show who was boss.

The board adopted a rule change barring any player who has competed in South Africa since last summer's Olympics from future tournaments in the games.

"Tennis players who play in South Africa will not take part in the Olympic games," IOC President Juan Antonio Samaranch said.

Anti-apartheid leaders said about a half-dozen top players, including 1988 bronze medalist Brad Gilbert of the United States and last year's junior grand slam

champion Nicholas Pereira of Venezuela, had played in South Africa since the Seoul games.

The executive board also voted to demonstrate sports. These events, intended to give visitors a glimpse of local customs at the games, had degenerated into an expensive staging ground for sports seeking medal status, according to IOC spokeswoman Michele Verdier.

The last demonstration sports will be roller hockey and jai alai at the 1992 games in Barcelona.

Soccer is the world's most popular sport and stages the only event to rival the drawing power of the Olympics, the World Cup.

FIFA wanted to protect the cup, which creates millions of dollars for its coffers every four years, by keeping the world's top players out of the Olympic tournament.

## Chicago Cubs beat Atlanta 3-2

NEW YORK (AP) — The Chicago Cubs tied the game with two outs in the ninth inning on Darrin Jackson's single and won it in the 10th when Dawson, given a chance to bat because of an intentional walk, hit an RBI single Sunday for a 3-2 victory over Atlanta.

Shawon Dunston led off the 10th with a walk, moved to second on a sacrifice and reached third on an infield out. After Mark Grace was intentionally walked by Mark Eichhorn, Dawson singled to centre field.

The victory was only second in nine games for the Cubs, who lead Montreal by two games in the National League East.

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Tom Browning recorded his seventh consecutive victory, allowing three hits while pitching into the ninth inning as Cincinnati beat Pittsburgh.

Browning, 34-10, has the longest winning streak on the team since both Danny Jackson and Jose Rijo won eight in a row last year. Browning left after walking Gary Redus to start the ninth. John Franco came on for his 28th save in 33 opportunities after Browning had struck out six and walked three.

Expos 6, Giants 3

Andres Galarraga hit a grand slam and drove in five runs to match a career high, and Bryn

Smith posted his first victory in eight starts as Montreal beat San Francisco.

The Expos moved into second place and remained two games behind the Chicago Cubs in the East. San Francisco's lead over Houston was trimmed to four games in the West.

Padres 13, Mets 7

Roberto Alomar had a career-high five RBI. Mark Parent added four and San Diego took advantage of shoddy defence to rout New York, sweeping the Mets in a three-game series for the first time in eight years.

A three-run bloop double by Parent, lost in the sun by center-

fielder Juan Samuel, an error by shortstop Kevin Elster and a wild pitch by New York reliever John Mitchell highlighted a four-run fifth inning as the Padres broke a 4-4 tie and handed the Mets their fifth straight loss.

Dodgers 8, Phillies 1

Fernando Valenzuela won for the fourth time in his last five decisions and slump-ridden Mike Scioscia hit a two-run homer Los Angeles beat Philadelphia.

Scioscia, batting .218 this month, gave Los Angeles a 3-0 lead in the second inning with his sixth homer. It followed a leadoff single by Jeff Hamilton, who added an RBI double in the fifth.

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
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### WATCH THOSE SPOTS

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

**NORTH**  
♠ 9 6 2  
♥ K Q J  
♦ 6 4 3 2  
♣ 7 5 2

**WEST**  
♠ 8  
♥ 10 8 4 2  
♦ K 8 5  
♣ 10 8 6 3

**EAST**  
♠ 10 5 4  
♥ A 7 6 5 3  
♦ Q 9 7  
♣ 9 4

**SOUTH**  
♠ A K Q J 7 3  
♥ Void  
♦ A J 10  
♣ A K Q J

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass  
2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass  
4 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass  
5 ♠ Pass 5 ♠ Pass  
6 ♠ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Ten of ♠

The average player tends to pay attention to the high honors and not much else. The expert watches every card, and makes the spots work for him.

North-South bid well to their grade slam. South started with an artificial game force of two clubs and revealed his suit on the second round (an opening two-spade bid would have been weak in his pair's methods). When a cue-bidding sequence revealed that North had

heart strength and nothing in diamonds, South was content with a small slam.

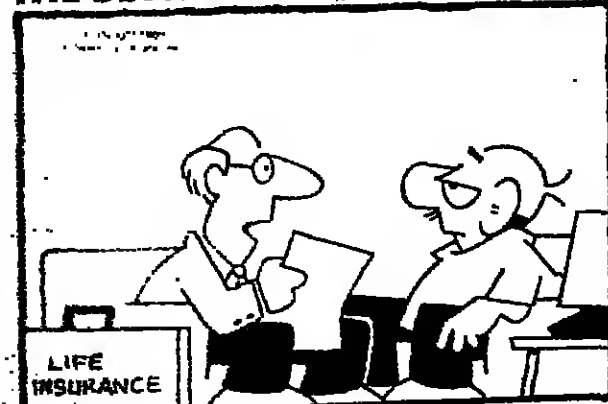
West led a heart and declarer's first good play was to ruff away East's ace with his jack of spades. South gazed longingly at two good tricks in dummy, with apparently no way to get there to cash them unless trumps broke evenly or the ten dropped singleton. On the ace of trumps West followed with the eight, and most of the players we know would bash out the king and hope for the best.

However, our declarer now noted that there was only one trump outstanding that was higher than either of dummy's two—the ten. So at trick three declarer led the seven of trumps from hand and overtook with dummy's nine. East won a cheap trick with the ten, but the defense was dead as a doornail. East tried valiantly by shifting to a diamond, but declarer rose with the ace and crossed to dummy by overtaking the three of trumps with the six. In the process drawing the last outstanding trump. Two high hearts were the source of discards for declarer's losing diamonds, and the slam was home.

Now tell us honestly: When you first looked at the hand, did you imagine that declarer's only loser would be a trump?

## THE BETTER HALF

By Harris



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## JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Unscramble these four jumbles, and letter to each to create 16 four-letter words.

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CUMIS  
KELLY  
SOUTID

RUNS ACROSS THE FLOOR ALTHOUGH CAN'T WALK.

Now arrange the unscrambled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's jumbles: SQUAR CHAOS BELFRY UNIQUE  
Answer: One woman's hobby might be another man's life — HARRY

## THE Daily Crossword

by Hank Harrington

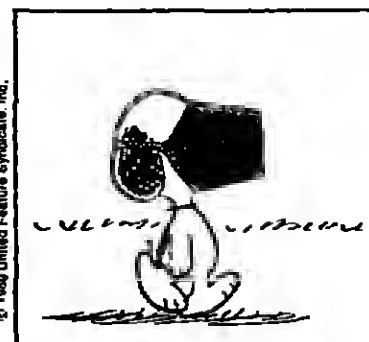


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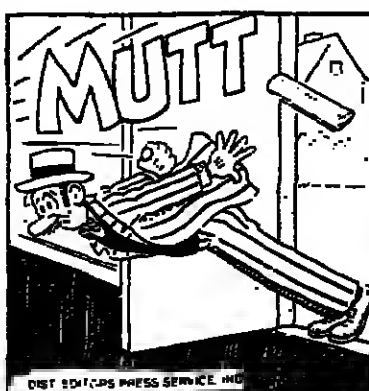
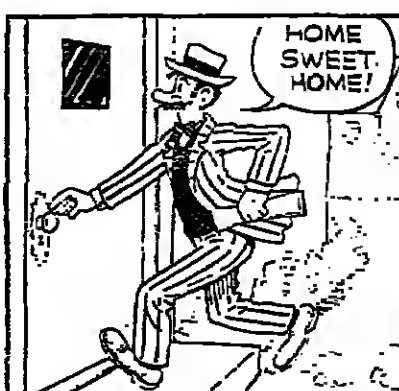
Yesterday's Puzzle Solver:

1 Across: 1 San Antonio mission  
2 Exclamations  
3 Phrygian king  
4 Poisonous substance  
5 Pido's M.D.  
6 Old-womanish  
7 Teases  
8 Bonyon tool  
9 Auxiliary building  
10 Hibernating  
11 Curve  
12 Hidesome one  
13 Baseball's Casey  
14 Barracks  
15 Items  
16 Soldier: abbr.  
17 Vintage auto  
18 Dear kin  
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32 Skip over  
33 A. Wallace  
34 Englishman  
35 Water spirit  
36 Doctors' gp.  
37 Confusion  
38 Charged particle  
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44 Be aware of  
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51 Gardner  
52 Geometric figure  
53 Cubic meter  
54 Petty officer  
55 Natives  
56 Wild dog  
57 Watchful  
58 Cinders  
59 Pupa  
60 Mole  
61 Ger. negative  
62 Escaped  
63 161  
64 Bagel filler  
65 Position  
66 Run amok  
67 Wild revery  
68 Being  
69 Lettuce  
70 Cotton mass  
71 "Mr. Chips"  
72 Organic compound  
73 The South  
74 Navy, aft  
75 Make joyful  
76 Inlathes  
77 Banish  
78 Cans  
79 pullers  
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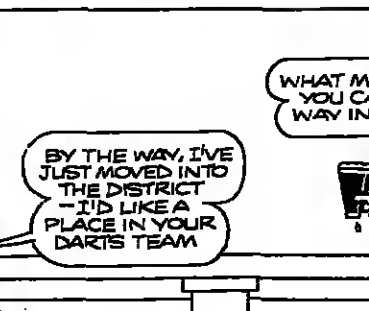
## Peanuts



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## S. African police assault black pupils

JOHANNESBURG (R) — South African police teargassed hundreds of black pupils Monday after a protest march against racially segregated schools, witnesses said.

They said pupils and teachers marched towards a prestige, whites-only school in Queenstown, near the Indian Ocean city of East London, as part of a nationwide defiance campaign against Pretoria's race laws.

Police stopped the march but allowed a small delegation into the school. Teargas was fired and marchers dispersed.

Clashes between anti-apartheid campaigners and police have escalated during the month-old campaign as South Africa gears up for next week's general election excluding blacks.

Demonstrators in the Cape Town area have clashed almost daily with police armed with teargas, rubber bullets and whips, in the highest upsurge of black anger since South Africa's townships exploded into violence in the mid-1980s.

Anti-apartheid leaders have urged campaigners to take only

non-violent action.

In Pretoria, black people trying to board whites-only buses Monday were foiled when drivers closed automatic doors or refused to stop. Organisers said only two non-white passengers, both ethnic Indians, managed to board.

They said intimidators fired shots and lobbed a petrol bomb at activists' homes Sunday night, but no one was hurt.

One campaign organiser, cleric Ivor Jenkins, received death threats from a man claiming to represent a shadowy extremist group called the white wolves.

Police said they were investigating the incidents.

In Johannesburg, leading anti-apartheid cleric Beyers Naude called for United States pressure on Pretoria to lift curbs on hundreds of activists.

Naude, a former Dutch Re-

formed Church minister who rejected its pro-government stance, met Consul-General Peter Chaveas in a half-hour visit to Washington's consulate in the city.

He was accompanied by activists Dan Montsisi, who was released from detention in February but has since been forced to quit his job because he must report twice a day to police during work hours.

Chaveas was sympathetic to the activists' cause and said his government would take appropriate action, Naude told reporters after the meeting.

Human rights groups say some 800 former political detainees are now virtual prisoners in their own homes because of tough restriction orders on their movement and activities.

Dozens of restricted people have been flouting the curbs as part of the defiance campaign, until now without being arrested.

But activists reported the detention Monday of Trevor Mamule, a Cape Town leader of the United Democratic Front (UDF) anti-apartheid coalition.



University students march through downtown Bogota, holding a banner reading, "No to the Mafia."

## Banks turned targets in Colombian drug war

BOGOTA (AP) — Police in the city of Medellin have stepped up patrols after bombs damaged 10 banks, and news reports said the justice minister directing a crackdown on drugs has fled to the United States in fear of his life.

The domestic news reports also said Sunday that an appeals court revoked an arrest order accusing a drug kingpin of ordering two assassinations.

The bombings Sunday in Medellin, Colombia's second-largest city, caused extensive damage to 10 branches of Banco Cafetero, Banco de Colombia and Banco del Estado, authorities said.

Police said a young man was killed, apparently while planting one of the bombs.

The spokesman said police patrols in Medellin, 345 kilometres north of Bogota, were being tightened to prevent any new attacks. He said extra police units had been stationed throughout Medellin to protect private and public buildings.

The city is the base for the Medellin cartel, which is the world's biggest drug cartel and reportedly responsible for 80 per cent of the cocaine smuggled to the United States.

President Virgilio Barco, meanwhile, "denied reports related to the resignation of the justice minister," Monica de Grieff, but he didn't clarify whether the minister had actually resigned, according to a communiqué issued late Sunday.

The presidential communiqué followed a weekend of speculation over the alleged desertion of de Grieff at a time when the

government is waging an unprecedented offensive against the drug lords.

Newspapers, radio networks and television stations reported Sunday that de Grieff had resigned after less than two months in her job.

Asked to clarify the communiqué, a spokesman at the presidential press office said, "I cannot add a single word to the document."

De Grieff, 32, her husband and their three-year-old child have been the target of death threats since the government offensive began after a string of killings that included presidential candidate Luis Carlos Galan Aug. 18.

Rodrigo Lara Bonilla, a predecessor of de Grieff, was killed by assassins hired by the druglords in 1984.

Rumours of her resignation had circulated since she said in a television interview last week, "I wasn't prepared to work in times of war, such as now."

Last week, the traffickers declared war on the government after it began a crackdown in response to the assassinations of a magistrate, a police colonel and Sen. Galan over a 48-hour period.

De Grieff travelled to Washington Friday where she was scheduled to confer with U.S. Attorney General Dick Thornburgh on the extradition of arrested drug suspects to the United States. But she failed to show up at the meeting and no explanation was given by Colombian authorities.

Thornburgh said Sunday that de Grieff would be welcome in the United States if she applied for refugee status to escape from political prosecution.

The private radio network Caracol said de Grieff had told Barco she wanted to resign.

Other news reports said she would be replaced temporarily by Communications Minister Carlos Lemos Simmonds.

Leaders of the Medellin cartel, in a widely publicised statement, said last week that they were fighting "a total and absolute war against the government and its representatives."

They threatened to kill businessmen, politicians, journalists and union leaders.

Two men arrested in a car parked two blocks from one of the bank offices attacked Sunday were being questioned, police officers said.

Police refused to say which organisation was responsible for the attacks.

Other attacks in recent months were conducted by leftist guerrillas that sometimes cooperate with drug traffickers.

The newspaper El Tiempo reported Sunday that a court has struck down an arrest order for Medellin cartel boss Pablo Escobar. The order accused Escobar of ordering the massacre of peasants at two ranches by right-wing death squads.

But El Tiempo said a three-judge panel reversed its ruling Aug. 15, deciding there was insufficient evidence against Escobar, who formed the Medellin cartel in the mid-1970s and has repeatedly terrorised the judicial system with assassinations and threats, according to police.

## Extremists kill 20 in Punjab

NEW DELHI (R) — Suspected Sikh militants killed at least 20 people and injured 30 when they went on a shooting spree on a passenger train in the north-western state of Punjab Sunday, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported.

The group armed with Chinese-made AK-47 automatic weapons charged into the train and fired indiscriminately for more than 10 minutes.

The attack happened after the group forced the driver to stop as the train was moving out of Kaharwala station, the news agency quoted divisional railway manager V.D. Gupta as saying.

The gunmen escaped after the massacre, which took place about 10.30 a.m.

The United News of India (UNI) news agency said unconfirmed reports put the death toll at 75, adding that the assailants fired on passengers as they fled into a field.

More than 200 people have been killed so far this month in Punjab where Sikh militants are waging a campaign for a separate homeland. The death toll since the start of the year is more than 1,400.

Police said the separatists might have chosen a soft target as the train to show their continued ability to strike following an intense sweep of a large area around Amritsar by paramilitary police in which about 70 militants were killed.

Police have hailed the sweep as a considerable success. It was aimed at dampening the militant struggle ahead of national elections Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi must call by the end of the year.

They also said Kaharwala was close to a new route through the desert state of Rajasthan which the militants were using to smuggle arms into Punjab following the erection of a fence along much of the Indian border with Pakistan.

The northern Pakistani city of Peshawar, the base of thousands of well-armed Afghan rebels, is believed to be the major source of Sikh extremist weapons.

Kaharwala is only about 40 kilometres from the Rajasthan town of Ganganagar, where suspected Sikh militants killed 10 people during a bank robbery in May.

Militants have frequently blown up sections of railway track in attempts to derail passenger trains but have usually failed.

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### Film is taken 'hostage'

PARIS (AP) — The production of a movie starring Paul Newman said Saturday that the film has been taken hostage by a protectionist squabble between the United States and France.

Work on "Mr. and Mrs. Bridges," directed by James Ivory and starring Newman and his wife Joanne Woodward, continued Saturday on private property and so was not immediately affected by Mayor Jacques Chirac's decision Friday to suspend authorisations for shooting in U.S. films in Paris.

But the film was to move to a public house over the Seine river Sunday, and producer Ismail Merchant said it was not entirely clear whether the production could go on.

"We got a call this morning from Chirac's office saying it was okay. Then someone called saying something else. When you are working with huge stars and only have a few days before it makes things very difficult, it's like being bogged down," said Merchant in an interview at the bar at the Raphael hotel, one of the locations in the film.

The movie — by Merchant-Ivory productions, who also made the international hit "Room With a View" — was scheduled to shoot until Thursday throughout Paris.

Tightrope walker complains of sore feet

PARIS (R) — "My feet are sore," complained tightrope walker Philippe Petit, white-faced and exhausted after a 50-minute walk on the high wire over the river Seine to the Eiffel Tower.

The 40-year-old Frenchman had just crossed the river by way of a 700-metre cable slung between the right bank's Palais de Chaillot and the second floor of Gustave Eiffel's iron lattice tower on the other side. Up to 10,000 Parisians packed balconies and stood on river banks, bridges and barges to applaud his unprecedented walk Saturday.

One hundred metres above the Seine, he knelt, lay and performed gymnastics on the 25-millimetre wide steel wire, pausing to rip off a silvery flying suit and emerge in a rainbow-coloured trapeze outfit. Fighting gusting winds of up to 21 kilometres an hour, Petit seemed to tire in the last stretch of the walk, a 16-degree uphill climb from the belly of the high wire. But he stripped off his slippers and covered the final metres barefoot, sliding down a rope onto the tower.

The stunt, the longest in Petit's career, was authorised by Paris authorities to commemorate the Declaration of Human Rights, adopted 200 years ago by the revolutionary French parliament.

What do inmates in KGB prison read?

MOSCOW (AP) — The works of Mikhail Gorbachev are popular with at least one captive audience — inmates at the KGB's Lefortovo prison, a newspaper said.

"There is much interest in political developments taking place in the country," the Izvestia daily reported Friday. It said inmates at the eastern Moscow prison — whose cells have housed U2 pilot Francis Gary Powers and West German spy Gerd Gieseler — are avid readers of the Soviet president's writings and speeches.

Also popular are speeches and documents from last year's national Communist Party conference and the inaugural session of the country's new parliament, the Congress of People's Deputies, Izvestia said. Participants in those meetings criticised Soviet problems, and some even called for legal checks on the state agency that runs Lefortovo — the KGB secret police.



Demonstrators in the Estonian capital of Tallinn waving the Estonian national flag as they joined massive human chain across the Baltics last week to press their demands.

## Kremlin's statement sparks Baltic fire

MOSCOW (R) — Communist Party officials in Latvia and Estonia have denounced a Kremlin warning against Baltic nationalism as interference in their affairs, local activists said Monday.

The Latvian Popular Front, one of the mass movements criticised by the Kremlin in a declaration issued Saturday, sent a telegram to Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev asking him to reveal who had written the statement.

Communist Party leaders in Lithuania, the third Baltic republic, and Estonia met Monday to discuss the Kremlin statement, which charged that "nationalist hysteria" in the Baltics threatened to tear the country apart.

Nationalist movements also came under fire from the Communist Party newspaper Pravda which branded thousands of Moldavians who demonstrated Sunday as power-hungry separatists.

The Communist Party ideology chiefs of Latvia and Estonia, Ivars Kezberis and Mikis Titina, went on television and radio in their republics Sunday evening to criticise the Kremlin statement issued by the Communist Party Central Committee.

"Kezberis said the statement was provocative and interference in our affairs," Janis Jurkans, spokesman for the Latvian Popular Front, said by telephone from Riga.

"He said it means in Moscow they do not know the real situation in our republic. But our reaction will be calm and restrained, we shall not give in to these provocations."

He said the Latvian Popular Front asked Gorbachev to say who had drafted the Central Committee declaration, since no plenary session of the committee has been reported and Gorbachev is said to be still on vacation.

"We want to know who makes such declarations, and we want to know why no one from the Central Committee came here and consulted our government," Jurkans said.

In Estonia, Titina said the statement was clearly a move by Kremlin conservatives to exploit recent developments in the Baltic republics to put an end to perestroika, Gorbachev's reform programme.

Pravda described the Sunday demonstration by Moldavians demanding official status for their language as "national blindness."

It expressed surprise that the Moldavian Communist Party had done nothing to stop the rallies in the capital Kishinev.

"Those who have led the Moldavian population to ethnic strife, exploiting perestroika slogans as a cover-up, are pursuing their personal aims and seek to take power on the crest of a muddy wave of chauvinism and separatism," it said.

## China insists on Khmer Rouge role

PEKING (R) — The Khmer Rouge must be included in a future Cambodian government, China said Monday in a hard-hitting commentary issued shortly before peace talks were due to resume in Paris.

China is the main supplier of weapons and aid to the Khmer Rouge, an extreme left-wing guerrilla army widely blamed for the deaths of more than a million Cambodians during their four-year rule which was ended by the Vietnamese invasion in 1978.

The Vietnamese-backed government in Phnom Penh has refused to share power with Khmer Rouge, leaving open the possibility of civil war if Vietnam carries out its stated intention to withdraw its troops by the end of September.

In a strongly worded commentary, China's Communist Party newspaper blamed Vietnam for the failure so far of the Paris talks which began a month ago with 19 nations taking part.

Everything that Vietnam does shows that it plans simply to achieve at the international conference table what it cannot do on the battlefield — that is to continue its occupation and control

of Cambodia," the People's Daily said.

It said it was unacceptable for the "puppet" government of Phnom Penh, which was not recognised by the United Nations, to maintain its monopoly in power and for the Khmer Rouge to be excluded.

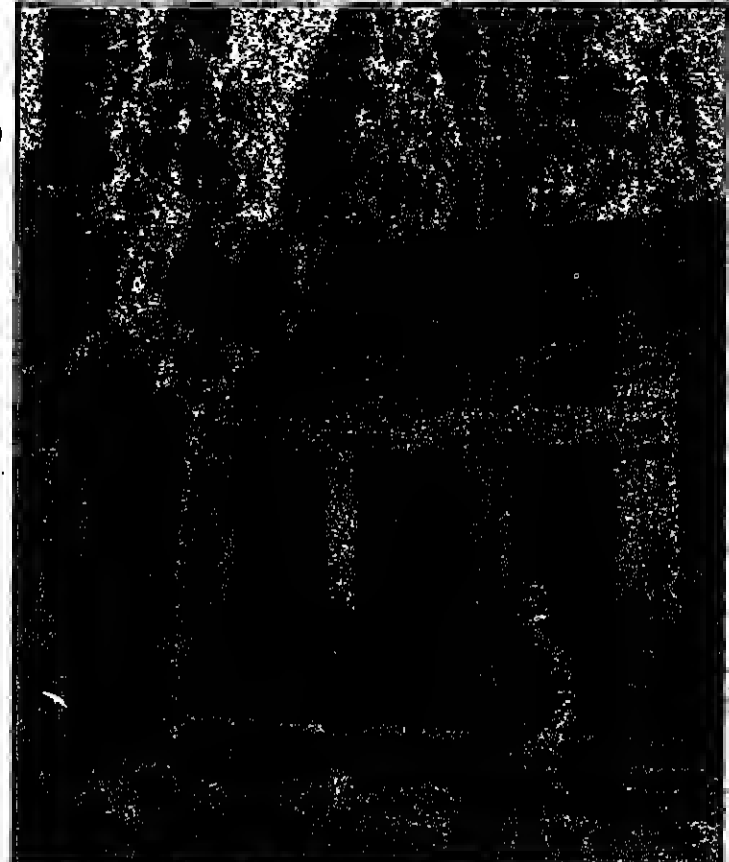
"Why is that a faction which has resisted Vietnam's aggression for years cannot join the government and exercise power?" the newspaper said.

It reiterated China's position for ending the conflict — that the United Nations supervise a Vietnamese pullout and that Cambodia be ruled by a four-party government under Prince Norodom Sihanouk to include his coalition of three guerrilla armies and Hun Sen's administration in Phnom Penh.

The Khmer Rouge are by far the strongest of the three guerrilla factions.

Diplomats in Peking said China had given up hope that the Paris talks would end with a conclusive agreement.

China said Saturday it would send Foreign Minister Qian Qichen to the final session of the



Policeman, armed with an AK-47 automatic rifle, guards the 13th century Bayon temple, where the faces of guard both against rebel soldiers fighting the Vietnamese-backed Cambodian government and against thieves who have stolen most of the Buddha heads in the Angkor area.

## Bag-snatchers 'too broke to buy off jail terms'

NEAPOLIS, Greece (AP) — A five-member Greek island bag snatching gang from London languished in a high security prison in this town on the island of Crete apparently too broke to buy off their sentences, said a prison official Monday.

The three men and two women were found guilty of bag snatching, theft and forming a gang over a two-month period and were sentenced Friday by a court at Ayios Nikolaos, near here, to prison terms ranging from 13 to 16 months.

"All five have the right to buy off their sentences at 650 drachmas (\$4) a day, but they are so broke I doubt if they can meet the

costs," said a Neapolis prison official by telephone who asked for anonymity.

"There are no specific tasks for them to perform while they serve the sentences because all the jobs are filled," said the official when asked how the five Londoners will pass their time behind prison walls.

He identified them as Kevin Ryland, 23, Michael Smith, 24, Mark Maury, 21, and Joanne Clark, 20, who received 16-month prison terms each. Stephanie Hales, 20, got a 13-month sentence because the court said she showed remorse and cooperated with investigating authorities.

He added that the court also decided to expel them once they complete their sentences and ban them from Greece for life.

He said the Londoners have the right to appeal their sentences but "apparently they haven't done so yet."

Nikos Androulakis, a police investigator who followed the case, said the five Londoners met on the Cyclades island of Ios where they "turned to crime when they ran out money."

He said they began their "bag snatching and thievery on Ios and when the pickings got thin, they came here."

The girls who worked as bartenders on Ios, were used as bait to distract the victims, said Androulakis by telephone.

"We don't have the exact number of thefts they were involved in and the amount of money and valuables because they conducted their activities over a two-month period," said Androulakis.

Their activities came to an end when foreign tourists reported to police that they saw the group discarding stolen passports and other paraphernalia from a jeep they had rented, as they drove through Ayios Nikolaos, a popular resort town in northeastern Crete.

## Global weather

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HONGKONG	28	32
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